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SEVEN ALIASES.

Story of Many Forged Letters of Credit.

PRISONER PLEADS GUILTY AND GETS THREE YEARS IN JAIL.

The graphic story of a young man's "World Tour of Fraud" was told to the Chief Justice in the Criminal Sessions this morning by Mr. F. C. Jenkin who appeared to prosecute Richard Charles Williams (or Stone), 32, supposedly a Canadian by birth, who was charged with defrauding various banks, including the American Express Company.

Williams pleaded guilty to the charges and also admitted seven different aliases. He was sentenced to three years' imprisonment with hard labour.

After his career of fraud had been outlined, Mr. Leo d'Almada, Sen., who appeared on his behalf, put forward the fact that Williams had been gassed in France during the Great War and had twice been an inmate of a lunatic asylum.

WORLD TOUR OF FRAUD.

The charges were:—

(a) that he on December 2, 1926, at No. 4a, Des Vaux Road Central, in this Colony, did by false pretences obtain \$502.62 in Hong Kong currency, and chattels or valuable securities, namely, 10 travellers' cheques, Nos. 214170 to 214179 (inclusive) of the value of \$5 each, and 40 travellers' cheques, Nos. 341267 to 341296 (inclusive) of the value of \$10 each, issued by the American Express Co., Inc., of No. 65, Broadway, New York, with intent to defraud;

(b) that he on December, 2 1926, at the same address in this Colony, did utter, knowing to be forged, a certain valuable security, namely, a letter of credit purporting to have been issued in his favour by the Banque Imperiale Ottomane at Jerusalem for an amount not exceeding \$2,000, with intent to defraud; and

(c) that he on December 2, 1926, in this Colony, did feloniously and with intent to defraud, demand and receive certain moneys on certain securities for money, namely, \$502.62 in Hong Kong currency, and 50 travellers' cheques issued by the American Express Co., Inc., 10 of which were of the value of \$5 each, and 40 of the value of \$10 each, by virtue of a certain false instrument, to wit, a forged letter of credit purporting to have been issued by the Banque Imperiale Ottomane at Jerusalem in his favour for an amount not exceeding the whole \$2,000, knowing it to be forged.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. C. S. Hugh-Jones appeared for the prosecution, whilst the accused was defended by Mr. Leo d'Almada Sen.

Mr. Jenkin briefly outlined prisoner's activities so far as they related to the charges framed against him. Counsel exhibited a letter of credit issued to prisoner in the sum of \$200 which had been burned in four places. Prisoner's explanation was that whilst dismounting from a horse in Palestine he placed his jacket on a blacksmith's anvil and a piece of hot iron fell on it, burning the letter. At his request, the bank issued a new letter of credit for \$200, through their Beyrouth branch, and prisoner sent them a receipt for it from Mount Lebanon. He then travelled around Palestine and Iraq.

In reply to His Lordship, Mr. Jenkin said that prisoner had made claims to have been born in Heliopolis, in Egypt, in Barcelona, Spain, and his heaviest claim seemed to be Quebec, in Canada, he having chosen, in this instance, Christmas Day as a birthday. It was obvious that he was a linguist of no mean order and was able to converse with most people. This was not his only claim to notoriety.

Eventually, continued counsel, he fetched up at Bombay on October 14, 1926, and drew another \$75 on this letter of credit. A little later, by altering it, he was able to obtain another \$1,000. He then went to Calcutta and Singapore, and at the latter place obtained \$480 from the American Express Company by a further forgery. It appeared that he altered the letter to show its value at \$900 face value, and also altered the drawings, so as to show that he was still entitled to a large amount. He got another \$35 at Singapore.

NO MEDIATION.

The Treaty Powers and China.

PREMATURE SUGGESTION.

No Hope Of Settling Present Imbroglio.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, Mr. J. Duckworth (Labourite, Blackburn) suggested that Great Britain, Japan, and the United States should discuss the desirability of ascertaining whether the offer of the joint good services in endeavouring to assist in effecting a settlement of the present imbroglio would be favourably entertained by all parties in China.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the Government was constantly communicating with the Governments of Japan, the United States on all matters concerning their joint interests in China. Whilst the British Government was anxious to take any proper action within its power which might assist the restoration of peace in China he did not see any reason at present to believe that the step suggested would contribute to the attainment of this end.

Soviet Interests. The German Government has agreed to the Soviet request to take charge of the latter's interests in South China and has instructed its Consuls accordingly.

It is semi-officially announced that the fulfilment of the Soviet's request is a matter of international courtesy and is not meant to be taking charge of diplomatic representation which is impossible as Germany has not yet recognised the South China Government. No intervention in the political strife in China is intended. The German Consuls are not authorised to interfere in questions of high politics.

The announcement adds that it follows that the fulfilment of the Russian request does not mean that Germany is now in a position to shield Communist propaganda or excesses.

Christmas Cheer. The Y.M.C.A. is appealing for funds for special Christmas festivities for the British troops abroad, including Shanghai, Hong Kong, and Wei-hai-wei. A sum of \$400 has so far been contributed, but much more is required.—Reuter.

GREAT FIRE.

TWO THOUSAND HOMELESS IN MANILA.

TWO FATALITIES.

Manila, Yesterday. Two thousand people are homeless as the result of a fire in Manila suburbs.

Two natives perished. The loss is estimated of a million pesos.—Reuter.

A GOLD BASIS.

NEW ROYAL DECREE IN ITALY.

Rome, Yesterday. The king has signed a Cabinet decree making it obligatory for the Bank of Italy to convert its notes to a gold basis as from December 22. The obligation has been suspended since 1894. The new parity is on a basis of about 92 lire to one pound sterling.—Reuter.

was willing to hand over to the prosecution as partial retribution. Prisoner was also a partner in an 8,000 acre estate in South Africa, and had already given instructions for his share to be realised in order to pay back what he could.

His Lordship, in passing sentence of three years' imprisonment with hard labour, said Williams had pleaded guilty to an offence of a very serious character. It was not a case in which a person had been driven by some great necessity or by some great temptation to bring himself within the reach of the criminal law.

"You seem to have started out with the intention of levying contributions from banks and businesses of that kind in the course of what might almost be called a world tour. I will take into consideration what has been urged by counsel on your behalf and will also pay regard to the fact that you not only joined up during the war, but that after you were gassed you went back to the front. Sentence was then passed.

NAVAL ACTION.

Pirate Captures On Yangtze.

THREATENING LETTERS.

Gang Demands \$100,000 From Butterfield & Swire.

Hankow, Yesterday. Activities by the British Navy against pirates along the middle course of the Yangtze River have been extended and two more successes have been registered. A pirate launch was captured on board which were six pirates who were all wounded in action and therefore unable to escape.

Then an armed guard was placed on board a private launch. Another gang of pirates attacked this craft but their fire was returned by the guard, inflicting many casualties among the pirates.

Divers Threats.

The Hankow office of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire (who are agents for the China Navigation Co.) has received two threatening letters bearing the signature of

FINE WEATHER.

The weather report issued by the Royal Observatory this forenoon stated:—

The anticyclone is now central near Tokyo.

Monsoon is interrupted to the North of Amoy. It will remain moderate over the China Sea.

Forecast:—North or variable winds, light, fine.

Hu Chun who demands the sum of \$100,000 from the British firm, threatening divers penalties in case of non-payment.

The Hu Chun pirate gang claims to control the banks of the Yangtze at Shasi and Kingchow. Their threat is that if they are not paid shortly, they will kill all the captains and comrades of the company and burn the ships.—British Naval Wireless.

Like Down Here.

[Note: Hankow is about 600 miles from the mouth of the Yangtze. It is at present held by Nationalists who are short of Naval craft. Accordingly, the British Navy has had to convoy merchantmen and has been in action with pirates already.

Shasi is 287 miles above Hankow, in territory which supports neither Nanking nor Peking. Captain Lalor was rescued from this vicinity.

The threats made by the Yangtze pirates are similar to those which are so common on the West River that they fail to produce a thrill. Such messages have, in the past, been directed mostly to Chinese shipping and small river craft.]

FULL ARMAMENT.

4 British Gunboats in Pirate Patrol.

Rugby, Yesterday.

According to advices from China, pirates are again active on the (upper) Yangtze River between Shasi and Chenglin. British gunboats have captured a pirate tug, but the crew escaped inland.

A convoy of lighters was attacked from a river bank and British gunboats repelled with their full armament.

British gunboats at present employed on "pirate patrol" are the "Gnat," "Cricket," "Mantis" and "Teal."—British Naval Wireless Service.

2 NEW GUNBOATS.

New Stationed on the West River.

The flag of the Rear-Admiral, Senior Officer on the Yangtze, is flown on H.M.S. "Bee." The other gunboats under his command are the "Cockchafer," "Cricket," "Gnat," "Mantis," "Scarab," "Teal," "Widgeon," "Woodcock" and "Woodlark."

The Senior Naval Officer on the West River, had five gunboats, viz., "Tarantula," "Moth," "Cicala," "Moorhen" and "Robin." To these have been added the armed launches "Faulkner," "Onslaught" and "Neasus."

THOSE LEASES.

British "Policy" Again Declared.

GIFT TO LOT HOLDERS.

Sir A. Chamberlain And Future Ownership.

Rugby, Yesterday. In the House of Commons Sir Austen Chamberlain was asked about the surrender by Great Britain of the leases in the Chinese Treaty ports conceded by the Chinese Government between 1861 and 1861.

He replied that the value of these leases could not be accurately assessed at the present moment, but, according to valuation made in 1922, previous to the outbreak of the anti-foreign agitation in China, the worth of the reversionary interest in land and buildings held under leases with an unexpired term of approximately 30 years, was \$780,000. At a later date it was anticipated that these reversionary interests might have realised about \$400,000.

The position in China, however, rendered it impossible to proceed with the scheme for the sale of these interests without guarantees of tenure, which would be wholly inconsistent with the policy of the British Government.

The land was acquired under perpetual lease from the Chinese Government, to whom fixed ground rent continued to be paid and concurrently by purchase from actual Chinese owners.

The Concession areas were situated at Tientsin, Hankow, Kiukiang, Chinkiang, Amoy, and Canton. They consisted of a total of 232 acres, divided into 234 lots. These properties were chiefly in British, but partly in other hands. They were to be transferred to the present lot holders without payment and unconditionally, except for the proviso that the lot holders should bear any expenses arising from the assignments.

As regards their future ownership he has no reason to anticipate any change likely to be detrimental to British interests, but it was the policy of the British Government to relax rather than to extend British control in the administration of these municipal areas. Other foreign Powers had immediately transferred their perpetual leases to their respective lot holders, and in no other case was a foreign Government ground landlord of any similar area in Chinese territory.—British, Wireless Service.

Surrendered Leases.

In the House of Commons, questioned regarding the leases surrendered in the six Concessions in China, Sir Austen Chamberlain said he did not anticipate that the change was likely to be detrimental to British interests. He reminded the House that it was the Government's policy to relax rather than extend British control in the administration of those municipal areas.

BIG HANKOW FIRE.

EX-BRITISH CONCESSION BLAZE.

DYE CO.'S OFFICE GUTTED.

Hankow, Yesterday.

The ex-British Concession of Hankow was the scene of a large fire to-night (Wednesday night), in which the offices of the Aniline Dye Co. were almost gutted.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: The former Concession is now administered by the Nationalists as a "special Chinese district."]

LEVY ON SALT.

Trouble With Nationalists at Wuhu.

Wuhu, Yesterday. Some more trouble has arisen in connection with the shipments of salt which pass through Wuhu from the lower Yangtze upriver.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Trouble in the past has been caused by Nationalist officials wanting to levy on and holding up salt transshipments going from one Nationalist zone to another.]

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand today was 2/0 5/16.

KONGMOON RETAKEN.

KWANGSI FACTION'S SUCCESS.

IRONSIDES' DOWNFALL.

Communists Still Blazing Red Trail.

EXECUTION OF SOVIET CONSUL-GENERAL IN CANTON DEMANDED.

Kongmoon has been retaken by the Kwangsi military faction from the Ironsides, marking possibly the first step in the gradual political downfall of the latter.

A distinct change is noticeable in the developments regarding the Canton Government. The Ironsides are willing to bow to the inevitable but they are going to choose their own successor and not hand over to the Kwangsi faction as desired by most people.

Blazing a red trail wherever they go, the armed Communist horde fleeing from Canton is now making its way to join the "local Soviet government" near Bias Bay.

Organisations in Canton are agitating for the death of the Soviet Consul-General and those members of his staff in detention.

MOSCOW'S HAND-DISCLOSED.

Regarding the Chicherin's Note protesting against the closure of the Consulates and denying that the Canton Consulate guided the revolutionary movement among peasants and workers, it is learned from a semi-official source in Canton that a document, partly burned and numbered B/12867-10, endorsed by the seventh enlarged plenum executive committee of the Communist International, was discovered in the raided Consulate archives.

The document explains how the Communist party must take command of the peasant movement in accordance with the propaganda of Agrarian revolution, and in constructing, inter alia, the disarming of the people's militia and other forces of the gentry while arming the poor and middle-class peasants to form an army.—Reuter.

KONGMOON "CAPTURED."

13th (Kwangsi) Division Again In Control.

Pakkai (Kongmoon), Dec. 20. All danger of a Communist rising here has passed.

The city of Kongmoon and adjoining area has changed hands again as the 13th division (all Kwangsi troops) has arrived.

With the 13th division in garrison here, agitators are fleeing or lying very low and the fear of trouble—in the absence of a garrison—is now over.

In about a month, Kongmoon has been "captured" twice without a shot being fired.

Recent Changes. When the Ironsides overthrew the Kwangsi military faction in Canton, the 13th division evacuated Kongmoon and withdrew inland.

The Ironsides and their friends then arrived from Canton and took over. After a stay of a week or two, they were recalled post-haste to Canton to fight the Reds. In their absence, the Kwangsi troops—who have been here for over a year—have returned.—Our own correspondent.

POLITICAL TREND.

Effect of Coup on Ironsides' Policy.

That the Ironsides are not bent on holding on to Canton at all costs is evident from the fact that they are only half-heartedly concentrating on defence along the West River and have sent at least 10,000 men to the East River where the chance of invasion is remote.

Pursuing their present policy, the Ironsides have even given up the important city of Kongmoon without any pressing need to do so.

And if only to show that holding of territory does not count with them, they have handed over control of Canton city to a "friendly general" who is not antagonistic to the Kwangsi military factions.

East, Not West.

If the Ironsides are preparing for war, they would have to send all units they can spare to Samsui, which is about 40 miles west of Canton and is the objective of the Kwangsi counter-attack (eastwards) down the West River.

Such has not been the case. On Tuesday, the last of many trainloads of Ironsides left Canton on the Kowloon Railway (Chinese section) for Sheklung, which is 40 miles east of Canton, on the East River.

Out to Waichow. From Sheklung, Ironsides have been moving out to Waichow, which is further up the East River and further from Canton than Sheklung.

Neither the Kwangsi garrison at Swatow nor the supposedly pro-Nanking expedition on the Kwangtung-Fukien frontier has shown any appreciable sign of moving against the East River.

Campaign of Vindication. About 200 miles separate the East River Ironsides from their foes; whereas on the West River the enemy is only 50 miles distant.

The "China Mail" political correspondent learns from a reliable source that the Ironsides are bent on a rather dramatic campaign of vindication.

Even if Canton is lost to them in the absence of their main strength the Ironsides are bent on exterminating the Soviet government which has been set up in Hoiung and Lukfung.

Where the Reds Hold Sway. Hoiung and Lukfung are coastal districts between Swatow and the East River, forming what may be described as the hinterland of Bias Bay.

Peasants' corps, Communists and bandits have combined to set up a local Red government in the name of which untold horrors have been perpetrated.

Owing to the rival armies being at war, neither side has deemed it wise to spare any men for work against the Reds who are imperfectly organized and poorly equipped.

Not Red or Even Pink.

Having been accused for either complicity or carelessness in allowing the Reds to break out in Canton, and realising that their position must soon be untenable against increasing opponents, the Ironsides are backing on stamping out the Reds in Hoiung and Lukfung and thereby proving to Nationalist China that they are not Red nor even Pink.

It is anticipated that by the time the Ironsides have done their work in the Red country, a change will have come to pass in the Canton Government. But having vindicated themselves then, they will be supported in a claim to be given other work for the Nationalist cause.

Loss of Face Intolerable.

Accordingly, the Ironsides are now hoping that when they lose Canton—which they are likely to do in any case because they have not enough men—they will again be sent north or elsewhere to win further laurels.

The majority of people in Canton desire the return of General Li Chai-sum of the Kwangsi faction.

The Ironsides once served Li Chai-sum, but rebelled against him. From their point of view, accordingly, a political surrender to Li Chai-sum will incur loss of face.

A deadlock has been reached in the negotiations behind the scenes at the moment.

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Hong Kong, 17th December, 1927.

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TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

Ship	From	Arrivals	Departures	In	Out
Helenus (4,810) British, from Baltimore, Manila, B. & S.—3 passengers, 600 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.					
Selatan (1,571) British, from Swatow, Foo Nam Nav. Co.—466 passengers, 300 tons general cargo (through).					
Kuechow (1,220) British, from Canton, B. & S.—1 passenger, 20 tons general cargo (through).					
Archer (4,972) American, from Cebu, Adm. Oriental, 19 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.					
Chenonceaux (8,379) French, from Marseilles, Saigon, M.M.—176 passengers, 113 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 760 tons general (through).					
Paul Lecat (7,546) French, from Yokohama, Shanghai, M.M.—231 passengers, 2 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 868 tons general (through).					
Hanoi (739) French, from Haiphong, Fort Bayard, M.M.—196 passengers, 260 tons rice and general cargo for Hong Kong.					
Linchow (1,416) French, from Haiphong, Hoihow, Sing Kee—174 passengers, 2,600 tons coal and rice for Hong Kong.					
Tai Poo Sak (1,219) French, from Fort Bayard, Shun Cheong S.S. Co.—350 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.					
Tonjer (1,949) Norwegian, from Chinwangtao, Dodwell & Co.—1,700 tons coal (through).					
Solviken (1,436) Norwegian, from Bangkok, Fan Yuen Hong—169 passengers, 2,600 tons rice and general cargo for Hong Kong.					
Kaio Maru (1,126) Japanese, from Keelung, Swatow, O.S.K.—169 passengers, 760 tons coal and general cargo for Hong Kong.					
Fukui Maru (1,106) Japanese, from Moji, Kumao & Co.—2,120 tons coal for Hong Kong.					
Tsurigisan Maru (1,360) Japanese, from Dairen, Kumao & Co.—1,000 tons coal for Hong Kong, 1,595 tons coal (through).					
Lushan Maru (1,507) Japanese, from Canton, N.Y.K.—137 passengers, 2 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.					
Tak Hong (105) Chinese, from Autau, Fook Hoi & Co.—115 passengers, 52 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.					
Shiu Hing (114) Chinese, from Macao, Hoo Hing Co.—45 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.					
Hung On (2,097) Chinese, from Port Kama, Wing Hong Co.—3,200 tons coal for Hong Kong, 1,300 tons coal (through).					

Hydrangea (561) British, from Swatow, Chui On S.S. Co.—310 passengers, 310 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Departures.
For Swatow:—Linan, Talkwa Maru, Hop Sang.
For Macao:—Shui Hing.
For Shanghai:—Chenonceaux.
For Canton:—Tai Lee, Hupeh, Chian Lee.
For Hoihow:—Archer.
For Manila:—Ramses, Tango Maru.
For Mike:—Helenus.
For K. C. Wan:—Chung Hing, Wing Wo.
For Kobe:—West Cayote.
Clearances.
For Hoihow:—Borneo.
For Singapore:—Cremor.
For Billiton:—Tjibodas.
Shipping Abstract.

Ship	From	Arrivals	Departures	In	Out
British		4	4	25	
Japanese		4	2	8	
Norwegian		2	0	9	
Chinese		3	5	15	
French		5	1	4	
German		0	1	0	
American		1	2	1	
Danish		0	0	1	
Panama		0	0	1	
Dutch		0	0	6	
Portuguese		0	0	2	
		19	15	72	

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kashgar" left Shanghai for this port on December 20 at 4 p.m. with the Malle, and is due here to-morrow at about 7 a.m.
The P. & O. s.s. "Devanha" left Singapore for this port on December 19 at noon with the outward English Malle, and is due here on December 24 at about 9 a.m.
The Ben Line s.s. "Benrinnes" from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here on December 25.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Yokohama for Vancouver on Friday at 8 p.m., and is due at Vancouver on December 25.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on December 19, and is due here on December 23.
The s.s. "Corby Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from Honolulu on November 26, and is due in Manila on January 1, 1928.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" (Capt. A. J. Hosken, R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on January 4, (Wednesday), 1928.
The M.V. "Viminale" (D. & Co.) sailed from Aden on December 5, and is due here on January 5, 1928.
The M.V. s.s. "Canton" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Rotterdam on November 22, and is due here on or about January 5.
A seaman on a passenger boat, number unknown was yesterday arrested on board the s.s. "Chenonceaux" for the unlawful possession of three revolvers, one magazine and five clips.
A coolie employed at Taikoo Dock was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from crushed fingers in the left hand, received whilst working on board the s.s. "Shansi" at present in dock.

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Ship	From	Sailings	Line
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S.S. "CITY OF CALCUTTA"	Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg	18th January.	
S.S. "CITY OF PEKIN"	Havre, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg	14th February.	
S.S. "CITY OF BENARES"	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg	20th February.	
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"CITY OF SPARTA"	Leaves Singapore	7th January.	
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S.S. "CITY OF BEDFORD"	via Suez Canal	28th February.	
S.S. "CITY OF KIMBERLEY"	via Suez Canal		

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DEPARTURES.

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MANILA MARU		Saturday, 31st December.	
BOMBAY	via Singapore and Colombo.		
BORNEO MARU		Friday, 23rd December.	
*KASADO MARU		Tuesday, 3rd January.	
SHUNKO MARU		Friday, 6th January.	
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CALCUTTA	via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.		
BINGO MARU		Friday, 23rd December.	
SEATTLE MARU		Tuesday, 24th January.	
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER	via Japan Ports.		
ALABAMA MARU (From Shanghai)		Wednesday, 21st December.	
HAIPHONG	via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.		
TAIKWA MARU		Tuesday, 3rd Jan., 10 a.m.	
NEW YORK	via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.		
HAVANA MARU		Friday, 6th January.	
JAPAN PORTS			
SEATTLE MARU		Friday, 23rd December.	
AMAZON MARU		Saturday, 14th January.	
BINGO MARU		Tuesday, 24th January.	
KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY.			
KALJO MARU		Sunday, 25th Dec., 11 a.m.	
HOZAN MARU		Sunday, 1st January, 11 a.m.	
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KALYAN	9,144	7th Jan.	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	8,155	21st Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MALWA	10,986	14th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	9,144	18th Feb.	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	8,155	25th Feb.	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
*KHIVA	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KASHMIR	8,985	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KARMALA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,948	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
*KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London

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MOREA	10,953	20th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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MALWA	10,986	27th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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having arrived, Consignees of Cargo
by her are informed that all goods
are being landed at their risk into the
hazardous and/or extra-hazardous
Godowns of Holt's Wharf,
whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after
the Goods have left the Godowns,
and all Goods remaining undelivered
after 23rd December, 1927, will
be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer
must be presented to the Under-
signed on or before 30th December,
1927, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged
Goods are to be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on any
Tuesdays or Fridays, between the
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ing arrived from the above-
mentioned Ports, Consignees of
Cargo are hereby informed that
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of same from alongside, and all
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into the Godown and stored at
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Consignees are requested to send
in their Bills of Lading for counter-
signature immediately.

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IN HANKOW TO-DAY.

BARRICADES IN S. A. D.'S
REMOVED.

SOLDIERS OCCUPY HOUSES.

Hankow, Dec. 11.

The situation in Hankow has
shown a further improvement
during the week-end with peace
and order being almost completely
restored in the Chinese city.
Martial law is not so rigid al-
though Garrison troops are being
still placed at all street corners
at night to guard against possible
outbreaks of disturbance. Bar-
bed wire barricades and sand bags
in the Special Administrative Dis-
tricts have been removed, bring-
ing traffic back to normalcy. At
the important entrance to the dis-
tricts, however, sand bags and
barbed wires are still placed at
the road side, so that they might
be thrown up again in case of
emergency. The streets in the
French Concession are still bar-
ricaded, says the "Herald."

A great number of changes
have occurred during the last two
days in the local administration.
The Garrison Commander, Gen.
Ho Kuo-kwang, who was in
charge of the local situation after
the Hunanese troops had evacu-
ated, has resigned and the post has
been awarded to General Hu
Tsung-tu, Commander of the 19th
Army which defeated Tang
Sheng-chi's forces and fought
their way to Wu-Han. General
Hu is a native of Hupeh. It is
understood that he will also take
the office as head of the Board of
Military Affairs for Hupeh pro-
vince.

Directorship Bone of Contention.

The directors of practically all
the local government bureaux and
administrations have been
changed and new ones appointed
to the posts. It is interesting to
observe in this connection that in
practically all cases three or four
directors have been appointed for
one administration by the vari-
ous commanders here each select-
ing his own men. Thus a new
director for the Telegraph Office
has been appointed by General
Chen, another by General Li
Tsung-jen and still another by
General Hu. Conflicts of this na-
ture are said to be existing in
many of the local government
bureaux where the directorship
becomes the bone of contention
for the military leaders.

Private Houses Re-Occupied by Troops.

When Tang Sheng-chi was in
power in Hankow, his troops seized
and occupied a number of
buildings and property belonging
to the local Chinese many of the
big Chinese-owned buildings in the
Special Administrative Dis-
tricts were occupied and used as
army headquarters of residences
of the generals. When the Hun-
anese troops departed, these
buildings were evacuated and the
Chinese owners, in an attempt to
avoid further occupation of their
property by soldiers, immediately
took steps to either lease them to
foreigners for nominal rents or
have them registered in a foreign-
er's name. This proved to be use-
less since the newcomers are de-
termined to occupy the houses
whether or not they are rented to
foreign residents. The palatial
building opposite the S. A. D. No.
2 Police Station belonging to Mr.
Han Yung-ching, and formerly
occupied by General Tang Sheng-
chi, was re-occupied Monday
morning by Chinese troops in
spite of the fact that a local
American national had signed a
lease for it and was going to move
in.

The big house next to the
S. A. D. No. 2 Administration on
Huangpei Road, which belongs to
Mr. Yang, compradore of the
International Export Co., and
which has been leased long ago to
the Company, also attracted the
attention of the Chinese soldiers
on Monday. The house was occu-
pied by Government officials when
Tang Sheng-chi was here, but
after their evacuation, it was
taken back and occupied by one
of the Company's foreign em-
ployees. The Chinese military
posted a proclamation outside the
building on Monday stating that
the house would be taken over and
used as headquarters of the
Second Army. Two carloads of
soldiers with drawn revolvers
were sent to the house and at-
tempted to take possession of it,
threatening to shoot the Indian
watchmen inside, who refused to
move out. The gate of the build-
ing was locked from outside by
the Chinese authorities with the
Indian watchmen inside all day
on Monday and all night.

The Roumanian Foreign Minister
Titulescu will shortly visit Berlin
in an attempt to settle various out-
standing problems between Ger-
many and Roumania.

The League of Nations Secre-
tariate announces that Germany
has signed the international rail-
way convention and statute of
December 1923.

DISILLUSIONMENT.

EPHEMERAL ENTHUSIASM
FOR THE SOUTH.

INTERVIEW WITH DICTATOR.

Peking, Dec. 10.

The United States Government
will continue its traditional policy
of non-interference with the do-
mestic affairs of China. This is
stated to be the assurance which
Mr. John V.A. MacMurray, the
American Minister in Peking,
made in his interviews with
Minister Wang Ying-tai and
Dictator Chang Tso-lin on Thurs-
day and Friday. At both inter-
views Mr. MacMurray voiced
practically the same sentiments,
according to the Chinese Press.

Mr. MacMurray said that about
a year ago public opinion in the
United States was overwhelmingly
in favour of the Nationalists.
The spectacular advance of the
Nationalist Army to the Yangtze
basin under the command of
General Chiang Kai-shek fired the
imagination of the American peo-
ple and for weeks moves of this
army were featured in all the lea-
ding papers of the country. In
some quarters General Chiang
was hailed as the George
Washington of China.

Enthusiasm began to wane
when afterwards it was found
that there was lack of unity in
the Nationalist ranks. With the
split between Hankow and Nan-
king and the subsequent wrang-
ling between various factions of
the Kuomintang there came gra-
dually a feeling of disillusion-
ment. At the same time a better
sentiment toward the North de-
veloped.

Mr. MacMurray said that the
Washington Government was
paying much attention to the
Manchurian question, as it had
always been interested in Chinese
affairs. He referred to the Nine-
Power Pact concluded at
Washington to show American
concern in China, saying that the
American government would con-
tinue to be guided by the spirit of
this agreement.

Referring to the proposed loan
of the leading American bank to
the South Manchuria Railway the
American diplomat said he heard
nothing about the matter at the
time of his departure for China.
Up to the present he had received
no word that the State Depart-
ment had passed on the loan.

Mr. MacMurray said his recent
visit to Tokio had no official sig-
nificance. He called on the
Japanese Vice-Minister and the
American Ambassador to Tokyo
because they are his personal
friends. He was surprised to
read in the Japanese Press that
he had reached an agreement
with Japan regarding the radio
dispute. These reports were en-
tirely without foundation. He,
however, hoped that negotiations
for a settlement of the triangular
dispute would be shortly opened
in Peking.—"Kuo Wen."

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ANNING.—On November 2, 1927,
at Harrogate, England, to
Dorothy, wife of Dr. C. C. P.
Anning, a daughter.

BOXER.—On Tuesday, December
13, 1927, at Hong Kong, to Mr.
and Mrs. S. V. Boxer, of London
Mission, a son.

CHADDERTON.—On December 16,
1927, at Shanghai, to Mr. and
Mrs. Norman Chadderton, a
daughter.

TAYLOR.—On December 14, 1927,
at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs.
T. Taylor, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

MOORE — GREENHILL.—On
December 15, 1927, at Holy
Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai,
Alexander Moore, eldest son of
Mrs. H. Moore, and the late J.
Moore, of Dundee, Scotland, to
Miss Betty Ann Greenhill,
eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Charles Greenhill, of White-
well, Forfar, Scotland.

DEATHS.

BLAIR.—On December 16, 1927, at
Shanghai, following an opera-
tion, Minnie Blair, aged 52.

KELLEY.—On December 14, 1927,
at South Orange, N.J., The
Rev. William O. Kelley, D.D.,
Editor for many years of the
"Methodist Review."

Hong Kong, Thursday, Dec. 22, 1927.

COMMONS AND CHINA.

Yesterday appears to have been
a field day in the House of Com-
mons for China affairs. The de-
sire of the British people for
peace in China was reflected in a
suggestion by a Labour member
that Great Britain, the United
States, and Japan should discuss
the desirability of ascertaining
whether an offer of their joint
good services in endeavouring to
assist in effecting a settlement of
the present imbroglio would be
favourably entertained by all

parties in China. The official an-
swer to that suggestion was only
such as could be anticipated. Sir
Austen Chamberlain stated that
the Government was constantly
communicating with the Govern-
ments of the United States and
Japan on all matters concerning
their joint interests in China.

Whilst the British Government
was anxious to take any proper
action within its power which
might assist in the restoration of
peace in China, he did not see any
reason at present to believe that
the step suggested by the Labour
member would contribute to the
attainment of this end. The sug-
gestion, of course, is no new one.
It has been advanced many times
during the last few years not
only in Britain but in China as
well. But it has always had to
be discarded as impracticable. So
long as so many difference fac-
tions exist, each having as its ob-
jective the subjugation of all the
others, it would be extremely im-
politic for any outside Power or
Powers to seek to act the part of
mediator. Such action would
certainly be liable to miscon-
struction and misrepresentation
and, far from helping, might only
hinder the ultimate settlement by
the Chinese of their own inter-
necine quarrels.

Another question referred to in
the House of Commons yesterday
was the surrender of the leases in
the various Concessions as a gift
to the present lot holders. The
statement made by Sir Austen
Chamberlain added little to what
was contained in the White Paper
issued last week. Ever optimistic
as to the position of the British in
China, he is sanguine that the
change is not likely to prove de-
trimental to British interests in
the future. The lesson of Han-
kow has been lost on him. That
was proclaimed as a splendid ges-
ture of British friendship with
China, but was instantly construed
by Comrade Eugene Chen and
Sun Fo as weakness, with the
natural result that they lost no
time in breaking every article of
the famous O'Malley-Chen Agree-
ment respecting the future of
Hankow. The rendition of the
Concession was made at the
wrong time, just as the surrender
of the leases in the various Con-
cessions has now been intimated
at the wrong time. Sir Austen
Chamberlain may be envied his
optimism, which is certainly not
shared by the British in China—
those who shall sooner or later be
called upon to face the music and
suffer all the indignities attend-
ant upon the surrender of the
leases at the present stage in the
Chinese civil war.

DRIVER CHARGED.

WOMAN WHO WAS KNOCKED
DOWN.

FURTHER EVIDENCE.

Further evidence was given be-
fore the Chief Justice, Sir Henry
Gollan at the Criminal Sessions this
morning in the case in which Sandi
Khan a chauffeur is being tried for
manslaughter, following the death
of a girl after being knocked down
at West Point, it is alleged, by the
car driven by the prisoner. Mr.
Somerset Fitzroy is prosecuting for
the Crown and Mr. d'Almada e
Castro, Jnr., is defending.

A police witness, in reply to Mr.
d'Almada, Jnr., said that he found
the girl outside No. five godown at
the West Point wharves. He also
found pieces of glass, two being in
the gutter and two on the road.

Sub-Inspector C. F. Alexander, in
charge of the traffic department
stated that he visited the scene of
the accident and found a pool of
blood some 18 feet from the kerb.
The road at that spot was 60 feet
wide. He examined a certain lamp
post nearby but did not find any-
thing unusual on it.

In reply to Mr. d'Almada, Jnr.,
witness said that the prisoner was
well known to him (witness) and
had held a licence for the past six
or seven years. There was no re-
cord of a previous accident. His re-
cord was not clear but it was good
considering the period for which he
had been driving.

Answering Mr. Fitzroy witness
said that in 1925 the prisoner was
cautioned by the Deputy C.S.P. for
reckless driving. In August this
year he was fined \$10 for negligent
driving in Connaught Road Central.

Sub-Inspector Mason gave details
of having examined the car after
the accident, and went on to give
details of damage that the car had
sustained. He gave it as his
opinion that some of the damage
could have been caused by the car
striking a soft heavy body.

Replying to Mr. d'Almada, Jnr.,
witness agreed that some of the
damage could also have been caused
through the vehicle striking some-
thing hard, especially if it was be-
ing driven slowly.

The case is proceeding.

MOTOR HORNS.

ARGUMENTS FOR DEFENCE
VALID.

MAGISTRATE & SOLICITOR.

Mr. R. E. Lindell this morn-
ing gave his decision in the case
in which a motor car driver, de-
fended by Mr. Horace Lo, was
summoned by Traffic Sergeant
Hopkin for blowing his horn un-
necessarily.

His Worship said that he had
come to the conclusion that Mr.
Lo's arguments for the defence
were in the main valid, namely,
that the actual name of the defen-
dant must be entered in the sum-
mons, it would not do to merely
summon the "driver" of a certain
car. However, if a person an-
swered a summons as the driver
or the person pointed out, then
the Court had jurisdiction to try
that person on the summons.

Mr. Lo said that he was not in
Court to answer the charge on
behalf of the driver, but was
watching the case in the interest
of the driver.

The Magistrate decided that in
that case there was no appear-
ance, and therefore the case could
not proceed further.

Mr. Lo then drew his Worship's
attention to his Worship's remark
in the course of the case to the
effect that he (Counsel) was mak-
ing a "twild" statement when he
said that he knew for a fact that
in England this sort of thing (the
issuing of a summons without the
actual name of the defendant)
was never done. Mr. Lo said that
he had since read up the latest
addition to the Law Library on
the point and he had found in
every case nothing but confirma-
tion of his statement. In fact, he
had not come across a single case
amongst those reported in which
no name was quoted.

Mr. Lo submitted these in-
stances in support of his state-
ment, and invited his Worship in-
justice to him (Mr. Lo) to say
something on that point.

Mr. Lindell said that he would
accept Mr. Lo's statement as cor-
rect but at the time, as Mr. Lo
was speaking with a book, he (Mr.
Lindell) concluded that Mr. Lo
was speaking from personal ex-
perience. However, he had no in-
tention when he made his state-
ment, to hurt Mr. Lo's feelings,
and he was prepared to un-
reservedly withdraw it.

The Reichstag has passed the
Bill for the insurance of seamen
in case of illness.

All Finland celebrated the tenth
anniversary of its independence on
Dec. 7. The German Press
publishes friendly articles about it.

TRIAD MEMBER.

SIX MONTHS' JAIL FOR
CHINESE.

"FREEMASON OF AMERICA."

Before Major C. Willson at the
Central Magistracy this morning, a
Chinese was charged with being the
member of a triad society—the Yee
Hing Kongsi.

The accused (Chow Fung) ad-
mitted the charge, but said that he
was forced to enter the society by
a friend.

Detective Sub-Inspector Andrews
of the Secretariat for Chinese
Affairs said that the police con-
sidered the case a serious one. The
accused was evidently an official
in the famous Yee Hing Kongsi
triad society.

The Inspector produced the ac-
cused's membership badge which
showed that he was affiliated with
the Chinese Free Masons of
America, which was a branch lodge
of the Yee Hing Kongsi, which had
its origin in Singapore.

"White Fan."
Then producing a white fan with
black Chinese characters and red
emblems on it, Inspector Andrews
said that the fan showed that the
accused was an instructor in the
society, commonly called a "white
fan."

In support of this contention the
Inspector referred the Magistrate
to pages 41 and 42 of Stanton's
work which the Inspector said was
recognised under the Magistrate's
Ordinance as an authority on triad
societies.

The next exhibit produced was a
ritual book with diagrams and char-
acters which the Inspector said was
not understandable to the ordinary
Chinese outside the society. The
same thing applied to the characters
on the white fan, the red marks on
which the Inspector said were blood
stains.

Peach Wood.
Other things produced by the In-
spector included a "chop" bearing
the sun and moon emblem of the
society, a wooden dagger, stained
with chicken blood used figurative-
ly to cut off a chicken's head at the
initiation ceremony, a red "knot"
which was found tucked inside the
top hem of the accused's trousers,
and a chunk of peach wood. The
purpose of the latter two exhibits
the Inspector confessed that he did
not know, as he had been unable to
find any reference to them in Stan-
ton's work.

A Red Sash.

Continuing, the Inspector said
that the police strongly suspected
that the accused was a "Red," as
amongst his things was found a red
sash.

Besides this there was a piece of
chequered leather with the impres-
sion of a pair of goggles (also pro-
duced) which the Inspector sug-
gested were used to cover the ac-
cused's face at the initiation cere-
mony, and two red silk sashes with
the same mysterious characters on
them. These the Inspector said
were only worn by officials of the
Yee Hing Kongsi.

Replying to a question by the
Magistrate, the Inspector said that
the accused arrived here last Fri-
day and on Saturday he attempted
to escape by jumping out of the
window of the Inspector's room in
the S.C.A.'s office. The accused
had been in hospital since.

The small grip which the accused
was carrying when arrested, the
Inspector said, did not contain any
personal belongings, the only other
thing found in it besides the
things exhibited in Court was some
money.

Having ascertained that there
was nothing known locally against
the accused, the Magistrate passed
sentence of six months' hard
labour, and ordered the confiscation
of the regalia.

RUBBER INDUSTRY.

AMALGAMATION OF BIG
COMPANIES.

POLICY PRAISED.

London, Yesterday.
Meeting of shareholders approv-
ed of the proposals for the amalga-
mation of rubber companies, men-
tioned on December 12.

Mr. James Fairbairn, presiding
at a meeting of the Amalgamated
Rubber and General Estates, said
he was hopeful that the amalga-
mation would thoroughly demon-
strate the soundness of the policy and
hoped that within the next few
months he would see many amalga-
mations on accomplished fact.

Reuter.
[A London cable of December 12
stated:—One of the biggest rubber-
producing companies in the world
is to be formed by merging the
Amalgamated Rubber and General
Estates and the Amalgamated Rub-
ber Development Company into the
United Serdang "Sumatra" Rubber
Plantations, the latter increasing
its capital from £1,000,000 to
£1,500,000. The planted acreage
will exceed 38,000 acres, including
1,000 devoted to coffee.]

SAFE LANDING.

FRENCH MACHINE IN
TURKEY.

Paris, Yesterday.
The Air Department has re-
ceived information that the aero-
plane "Georges Guynemer" landed
safely at Adana in Turkey. Reu-
ter.

KOWLOON ROBBERS.

HARD LABOUR FOR TWO
CHINESE.

"A GRUDGE."

The case in which two
Chinese were charged in con-
nection with two robberies
in Kowloon on October
28 within five hours of each other
was concluded this morning before
Mr. Justice Wood at the Criminal
Sessions. One got five years and
the other three years' imprison-
ment.

The prisoners were alleged to
have posed as the friends of the
woman they caused to be robbed
and robbed themselves. The first
charge preferred against them was
that on October 28 they, together
with others, robbed the complain-
ant of \$36 in money, five bangles,
and one gold ring in Tai Nam
Street at Shamshui. The second
charge was that the prisoners, un-
aided by others, robbed the same
woman at four o'clock on the same
morning at Hunghom. This second
robbery occurred when the pris-
oners were taking the woman to
find the first robbers.

This morning the first prisoner
denied all knowledge of the affair,
and alleged that the complainant
had a grudge against him. He
stated that the police forced him
to admit that he had committed the
offences. In fact he did not know
the complainant at all.

The second prisoner, a woman,
said "does anyone in the world be-
lieve that a woman would join with
robbers?" She admitted that she
had known the complainant for
seven or eight years, but the
charges were entirely the inven-
tion of the complainant.

After his Lordship had summed
up the jury retired for about ten
minutes. When they returned they
brought in a verdict of "guilty."

The first prisoner was sentenced
to five years hard labour and the
second to three years' hard labour.

PIRATES HANGED.

THREE MORE PAY THE
PENALTY TO-DAY.

"IRENE" INCIDENT CLOSED.

Following the execution of four
of the seven condemned "Irene"
pirates yesterday morning, the final
chapter in the drama was closed
this morning when the remaining
three condemned men paid the ex-
treme penalty on the scaffold in
the Victoria Jail.

The three men who were hanged
this morning were Chan Hi, Tse
Wah and Chan Sing.
Chan Hi and Tse Wah went to
their death at 4.45 a.m., and were
followed by Chan Sing at 5.15.

Like their four confederates all
the three men hanged this morn-
ing bore up well on the scaffold
and were swiftly despatched. No
statement was made by any of the
men prior to being hanged.

Later in the morning the usual
post mortem examinations were
held by Dr. Alexander Cannon in
the Prison mortuary, and at noon
to-day the final scene was enacted
when Mr. R. E. Lindell in his
capacity as Coroner and a jury
held a formal inquiry into the
death of the last three condemned
pirates.

As was the case in the inquiry
held by Major C. Willson and a
jury yesterday afternoon on the
first four men, the usual verdict
was returned.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"AS OTHERS SEE US."

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—I enclose herewith \$1
(one dollar) as a contribu-
tion to a fund to provide
a thorough mental examina-
tion of yourself "Ur Ana Thur," his
observant friend and the two in-
dividuals whose letters on the subject
appear in this afternoon's paper.
I trust that your readers will come
forward in sufficient numbers with
contributions to enable this ex-
amination speedily to take place.
Yours, etc.

"HONG KONG FOOT."

Hong Kong, Dec. 21, 1927.
[Many thanks for the dollar,
which will go a long way towards
purchasing a tin of tobacco.—Edi-
tor, "China Mail."]

MIDNIGHT MASS.

A Midnight Mass will be held at
St. Margaret's Church, Broadwood
Road, Happy Valley, on Saturday.
Arrangements have been made
whereby special tram cars will leave
the Broadwood Road station after
the Mass, which will be over by
12.45 a.m.

Mr. V. G. Savi, Commissioner of
Police, Perak, will be proceeding
home on leave about the middle of
next month. Mr. A. W. H. Han-
dell, Director of Political Intelli-
gence, Singapore, will act for him.

KONGMOON RETAKEN

(Continued from Page 1.)

Prominent Candidate. Other generals are willing to let General Li Chai-sum return to power, but the Ironsides prefer to hand over to a third party while they themselves are provided with other duties.

The only candidate, in the eyes of the Ironsides, who is near enough and suitable, is General Chen Min-chu whose army is hovering on the Fukien border.

General Chen Min-chu is at the same time a supporter of General Li Chai-sum and of General Chiang Kai-shek who is not the popular idol he was.

May be Opposition. There may be opposition to General Chen Min-chu on the ground that he may not be acceptable to the Kwangsi faction which may still fight. And the people want peace badly, preferring an outright settlement of the political squabble to a compromise.

It is the fear of hostilities in Canton itself—with the possible sequel of looting by a vanquished army—which has been causing the exodus of refugees to Hong Kong.

A RED TRAIL.

Fleeing Communists Persecute Countryside.

Leaving a blaze of fire and robbery in their trail, the remnants of the Communist army which ruled Canton for 60 hours last week is now about 70 east-by-north of the city.

Detailed reports have been received at Canton of the outrages committed by the Reds and the local peasant corps which turned out whenever the fleeing column have in sight.

Small villages have suffered fates even worse than those of Canton.

Fortunately, the Reds could not stay long for fear of being followed up.

To Join the Soviet. Another report says that when the Canton Government drove the Reds out of the city, the latter marched off in two parties.

The other referred to above has been identified as about 1,000 strong, comprising the cadets (or training) division of the 4th Army which joined the rising.

This force is making a wide detour to the upper reaches of the East River, when it hopes to wheel southward to join the Soviet government near Bias Bay.

The other force has gone back to join the bandits of the North River.

DEATH URGED.

Soviet Consul-General and His Staff.

The execution of Boris Volin, the Soviet Consul-General, and those members of his staff who have been detained by the Canton authorities, has been strongly urged by several influential institutions which claim to be representative of the public.

Volin was, according to a semi-official report, the right-hand man of the notorious Petroff who was at Hankow. He was arrested subsequent to the Red coup.

There is also an agitation for the speedy despatch of the alleged Communists who were captured after being wounded. A suggestion has been made that these should be brought up for trial as soon as possible.

GENERAL EXODUS.

Many Communists Now Leaving Kiangsi.

Kiukiang, Yesterday. Communists are leaving the province of Kiangsi in large numbers and there is a general exodus.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Kiangsi is bounded on the south by Kwangtung but there is little communication overland. It is held by the Nationalists.]

U. S. AND GERMANY.

ALIEN PROPERTY BILL PASSED.

WAR CLAIMS SETTLED.

Washington, Yesterday. The House of Representatives, by 223 votes to 26, has passed the Alien Property Bill providing for the ultimate return of all German property seized in war time and the settlement of all war claims by Americans against Germany.—Ritter's American Service.

FRENCH NAVY.

NEW SHIPS TO BE LAID DOWN.

Paris, Yesterday. The Chamber voted a Bill authorizing the laying down between July 1, 1927, and June 30, 1928, of one cruiser, six destroyers, five first class submarines, a submarine midget, and two second class submarines. In continuation of the naval programme.

CHINA LIGHT CO.

AN ENCOURAGING YEAR'S WORKING.

VOLTAGE CHANGES.

The ninth ordinary annual meeting of the China Light and Power Company (1918) Ltd. was held at St. George's Building this morning. Mr. R. G. Shewan presiding. Directors present were Mr. C. A. de Roza, Sir R. Ho Tung, Mr. A. H. Compton, and Mr. H. P. White, with Mr. Noel Braga, Secretary.

The Chairman said: The report and accounts, having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I will, with your permission, take them as read.

The net amount, including \$52,675.40 brought forward from last year, available for distribution is \$309,843.42, which we recommend be appropriated as follows:—

To put to credit of reserve for special repairs, and change of voltage ... \$ 60,219.03

To pay a dividend of 8 per cent., or 40 cents per share, on 400,000 "Old" shares 160,000.00

To pay a dividend of 8 per cent., or 16 cents per share, on 199,850 "new" shares 31,976.00

To carry forward to next year's account ... 57,648.39

The working account shows a gross profit of \$478,688.41, against \$405,639.41 last year, an increase of about \$73,000, which is distinctly encouraging, especially as the earnings for the present year so far also show an even further improvement.

As was expected, the expenditure on the distribution system has been heavy, due to extensions and alterations of mains in the Sham Shui Po, Kowloon Tong and Kowloon City districts. Further expenditure will have to be met in the laying of underground mains in the Kowloon Tong Estate and the linking up of Sham Shui Po, Kowloon Tong and Kau Pui Shek Substations. These extensions are necessary in order to enable us to cope with the demand in the districts referred to, and to complete the ring system of feeders.

The Change Over. As regards the change of voltage, the alteration to the low tension distribution in the Yaumati district was completed early in the year, but with a view to curtailing immediate expenditure the actual change-over to the higher pressure of supply was postponed. We are now in a position to go ahead with the change-over, on consumers' premises, and we anticipate the change of voltage in the Yaumati district will be completed by the end of February, 1928.

During the next twelve months we shall be called upon to meet expenditure on capital account for the proposed purchase and reclaiming of approximately 72,350 sq. ft. of land on the east side of our Hok Un Works, purchase of land for two kiosks substations at Kowloon Tong, and Kowloon Tong substation and quarters, also cables, etc., for the distribution system and change of voltage.

The Showroom. I regret that the Showroom leaves a deficit of \$9,732.26, including \$4,292.78 for depreciation; but this is not all loss, as against we must place the increased demand for the supply of electricity created by the various articles sold. As stocks have been moving off more quickly, we have deferred the closing of the Showroom till March 31 next.

The accounts are in such full detail that there is hardly anything left for me on which to comment, but I may explain that the small amount of \$100 for compensation was an "ex gratia" payment in connection with an accident at Yaumati during a typhoon, for which we were in no way responsible.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented, and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions you may desire to ask.

The adoption of the report and accounts was seconded by Mr. H. P. White.

The re-election of Messrs. A. H. Compton and Lee Hy-san as directors, was proposed by Capt. Thomas seconded by Mr. Tse Tsan-tai and carried.

The re-election of Messrs. L. L. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews as auditors for the present year at a fee of \$1,250 each per annum was proposed by Mr. A. A. Botelho, seconded by Mr. Keith and carried.

The Chairman: That is all the business of the meeting, Gentlemen, and I am much obliged for your attendance. Dividend Warrants are now ready and can be had on application.

Mexico reports President Calles was chased by a bull which rushed at spectators during a bull fight. The President got away safely.

Several were injured on Dec. 7 when a Vienna-Berlin express collided with a goods train. Among the passengers was Richard Strauss who escaped injury.

CINEMA NOTES.

REMARKABLE MYSTERY FILM.

"THE CHINESE PARROT."

Another picture by the man who made "The Cat and the Canary" is quite a movie event, hence the special interest being taken in "The Chinese Parrot," Paul Leni's latest production, which is being screened at the Queen's Theatre to-day.

"The Chinese Parrot" is an absorbing story of love and intrigue that reaches from the sunny shores of Hawaii to the sun-baked sands of Death Valley, California. Marion Nixon, Edmund Burns and Hobart Bosworth head the long list of well-known players in the cast.

"The Chinese Parrot" is a screen version of Earl Derr Biggers' story of the same name which created a sensation in America a few months ago. In the screen version all of the dramatic tenseness and mystery of the story is retained while the wider scope possible in the filming has been fully exploited.

Some of the new photographic effects, indeed, are little short of wonderful. These alone give the picture exceptional interest, but it is as a story, first and last, that it can be recommended as one of the most entertaining pictures of the season.

In addition to the players already mentioned those included in the cast are Florence Turner, S. Sojin, Fred Esmelton, Edgar Kennedy, George Kuwa, Slimm Summerville, Dan Mason, Anna May Wong, Etta Lee and Jack Trent.

WANDERING HUSBANDS.

James Kirkwood, with his wife, Lila Lee heads the cast of "Wandering Husbands," a picture of present day life in the upper classes of New York society, which will be screened at the Star Theatre from to-day to Saturday.

Kirkwood appears as George Moreland, a wealthy business man fascinated by a vivacious butterfly and lured by her into a mad pursuit of pleasure among the bright lights. Lila Lee appears as Diana Moreland. Margaret Livingston plays the "butterfly" Marilyn Foster, with an originality that is refreshing.

"Wandering Husbands" is the story of a woman's stratagem to win back her husband's love by placing him in a position in which he must choose between her and the other woman in a life and death crisis.

THE POMPEII FILM.

"The Last Days of Pompeii," the spectacular Italian film version of Lytton's famous story, again drew

NO EVIDENCE.

CHINESE POLICEMAN DISCHARGED.

COOLIE'S ALLEGATIONS.

The Chinese constable who was charged with the unlawful possession of 40 revolvers and 1,089 rounds of ammunition, was yesterday afternoon discharged by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, who found that there was no evidence against the accused.

The contraband which was contained in a packing was seized by revenue officers at 3.30 p.m., on December 8 whilst it was being carried by two coolies in the vicinity of the Saikung wharf.

As the result of the coolies' arrest one of them gave information to the effect that he was first taken by the other coolie to No. 27, Peel Street, where he saw the accused who was wearing a pair of Police uniform trousers. Later they followed a man who was stated to be the accused's brother who pointed out the packing which they were seen carrying along the waterfront. Subsequently this coolie took the police to the house, in question and there pointed out the accused as the man he regarded as the owner of the arms and ammunition.

Police Search.

Evidence was given by the police of searching the house in which the accused was arrested, and finding various envelopes and documents, but when these were produced, Mr. M. K. Lo, for the defence, disputed their admissibility as evidence, as there was nothing to show the accused's connection with the papers in question.

Mr. Lindsell agreed, after hearing further evidence, that there was not sufficient evidence to convict as the accused was not seen to hold any conversation with the coolies who were carrying the case in which the contraband was found.

crowded houses at the World Theatre yesterday. This wonderful film has a cast of 45,000 players and cost \$100,000 to make. The picture will be screened until Saturday, performances starting promptly each day at 2.30, 5.00, 7.15 and 9.30. The orchestra plays at 5.00 and 9.30 and an interpreter attends at 2.30 and 7.15.

FELIX THE CAT.

The latest Felix cartoon, "Felix Trifles With Time" is being screened in the current programme at the Queen's Theatre along with the entertaining mystery play, "The Chinese Parrot."

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED

IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—World Theatre: "The Last Days of Pompeii." To-day—Tea-dance, Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m., dinner dance, 8 p.m. To-day—Queen's Theatre: "The Chinese Parrot."

To-day—Star Theatre: "Wandering Husbands."

To-day—Fairy dress dance at Central British School, 5.15 to 8 p.m.

December 23—Grand Concert at the City Hall under the auspices of the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A., 7 p.m.

December 24—Dinner dance at King Edward Hotel, 8.30 to midnight.

December 25-26—Star Theatre: "I. N. R. I."

December 25-26—World Theatre: "The Palm Beach Girl."

December 25-28—Queen's Theatre: "The Kid Brother."

December 27-28—World Theatre: "Tin Hats."

December 27-28—Star Theatre: "The Lucky Lady."

December 29-31—Queen's Theatre: "Resurrection."

December 29-31—World Theatre: "Alma of the South Seas."

December 29-31—Star Theatre: "Adlocked."

December 31—New Year's Eve dance at King Edward Hotel, from 8.30 to midnight.

Sports.

December 24—Christmas meeting of the Fanning Hunt at Kwantli.

December 26—International football match for "Sunday Herald Cup": Scotland v. Portugal, 3.45 p.m.

Lammerts' Auction.

December 31—At Sales Room, Duddell St., 85 bundles music and 10 parcels containing silk shawls and old embroidered pieces, 11 a.m.

Meetings.

To-day—Sergeant's Mess Meeting, Volunteer Headquarters, 6 p.m. January 7—Meeting of Creditors of the Prince's Bldg. & Land Co. Ltd., 6 Des Vaux Road Central, noon.

Miscellaneous.

December 29—Presentation to the Rev. Copley Moyle at reception in St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5-6 p.m.

AN "ANACHRONISM."

SIR W. HORWOOD'S OPINION OF THE TRAM.

London, Dec. 1. Brigadier-General Sir William Horwood in a speech at a dinner in London, described the tram as "an anachronism in the streets."

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LENER STRING-QUARTET.

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No. 3 HAMPER—\$30.

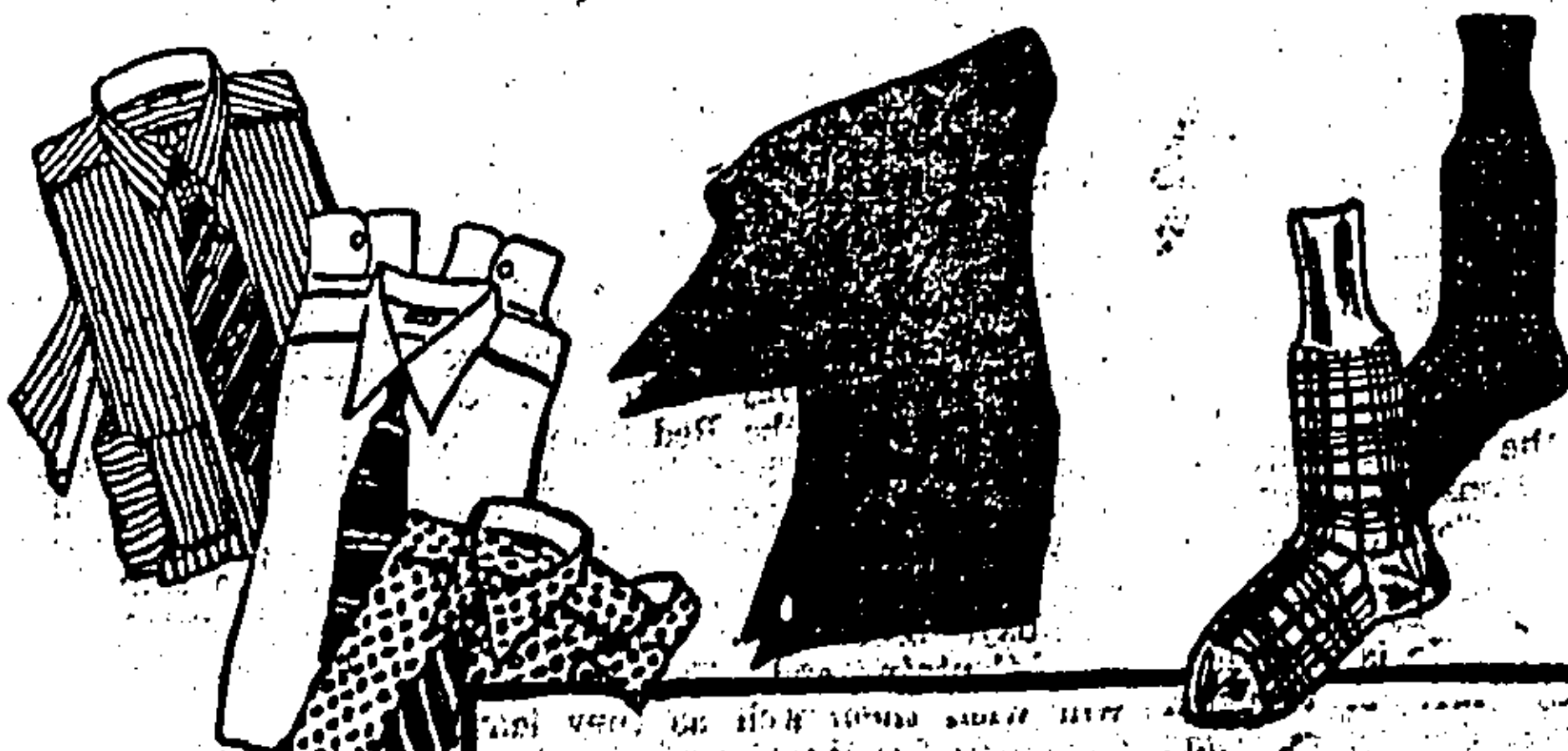
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Mr. A. S. Small is to be a member of the Standing Advisory Committee on the use of opium in Malaya.

Mr. Culver B. Chamberlain, American Vice-Consul at Swatow, has recently been assigned to Shanghai as Vice-Consul.

The Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. H. Thorne who had been sitting at the F.M.S. Court of Appeal at Kuala Lumpur, has returned to Ipoh.

London, Dec. 21.—The death is announced of Sir Frederic Young, head of the salvage section of the Admiralty during the war.

Mr. Henry H. Balch, American Consul at Adelaide, and family, have arrived at Singapore en route for the U.S.A. and will stay there for a week.

It is officially notified that Mr. J. Laycock has been appointed a Municipal Commissioner for the Town of Singapore, in place of Mr. S. Knecker, resigned.

The Shanghai and Woosung Municipal authorities have ordered the workers of the N.Y.K. wharves to resume work forthwith, according to the Chinese press.

Dr. Hu Shih, formerly of the National Peking University, has been lecturing in the Tung Wen University on "The Four Great Thinkers of Three Modern Centuries."

The Raja Muda of Selangor has been nominated to be a member of the Council of King Edward VII. College of Medicine in place of the Director of Government Laboratories, F.M.S.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—The Federal Arbitration Board has granted an increase in wages to engine drivers and firemen of the Western Railway, the average increase being 30 cents a day. The increase affects 55,000 men.

On November 11, before the Royal Society of Arts, Mr. M. M. S. Gubbay, C.S.I., C.I.E., General Manager of the P. and O. Banking Corporation, Ltd., submitted a paper on "Indigenous Indian Banking."

King Faisal visited the submarine depot at Portsmouth on November 9, and had lunch with Rear-Admiral H. E. Grace, Rear-Admiral of Submarines, who will be remembered as Commodore at Hong Kong.

The Portuguese transport "Pero d'Alemquer" has arrived at Shanghai with officers and men to relieve part of the complement of the Portuguese cruiser "Adamastor," now in harbour. She comes from Lisbon, having called at Macao on her way.

The promotion of Messrs F. T. Tree, C. D. Aherne and J. D. Hall to be supernumerary officers in Class II of the Malayan Civil Service is approved, and of Messrs R. J. Curtis, G. E. Clayton, W. E. Rigby and R. W. Grant to be supernumerary officers in Class IV.

Mr. Toshio Kimbara sub-manager of the Singapore branch of the Yokohama Specie Bank has been appointed Agent of the Semarang office and will therefore cease to sign on behalf of this branch. Mr. Takao Misawa has been authorised to sign per procurator manager of the Singapore office.

Mr. H. Bos, the Netherlands Consul and Senior Consul's Deputy at the Provisional Court, left for Hong Kong, to which place he has been transferred, by N.Y.K.S. "Hakozaki Maru." He is succeeded in Shanghai by Mr. J. Van den Berg, who, for several years, was Dutch Vice-Consul and Mixed Court Assessor in Chinese civil cases.

Mr. R. S. O'Meara, Canadian Government Trade Commissioner for the Middle East, with headquarters at Batavia, Java, who left Java for Canada in April last, has recently completed an extended tour of the Dominion, and is due to return to Java in the early part of January 1928. Mr. O'Meara will be passing through Singapore late in December.

A new aspect of the sampan navigator's life can be viewed almost any early forenoon these December mornings from the Garden Bridge, Shanghai, when more than three-quarters of the sampans lying in Soochow Creek find themselves marooned on the mud to await the turn of the tide. Only a narrow channel close to the Bund Gardens makes traffic possible during certain hours of the morning. The amphibian quality of the sampan is aptly demonstrated.

Rear-Admiral Stotz, the new Commander-in-Chief of the French Squadron in the Far East, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday aboard the cruiser "Jules Michelet" and paid an official call on H.E. the Governor. He was met at Queen's Pier by a guard of honour from the K.O.S. Borderers under the command of Capt. Staunton, with brass band and pipes. Capt. Whyte, A.D.C. met the visitor and accompanied him to Government House. An official dinner to welcome the Admiral was held at the French Consulate yesterday evening.

H.M.S. "Wyvern" has arrived at Shanghai from Hong Kong.

Mr. G. L. Ham, Municipal President, Penang, has left for Bangkok.

The Exchange Banks will be closed on Monday and Tuesday next (Christmas holidays).

A fancy dress dance will be held at the Central British School this evening from 5.15 to 8 p.m.

Mr. A. E. Helps, the newly appointed Registrar of the Supreme Court, Kuala Lumpur, has assumed duty.

Mr. Frank Garland, of Aylesbury and Nutter, and Mrs. Garland have returned to Ipoh from their holiday at Home.

Suffering injuries as the result of being knocked down by a tramcar in Connaught Road Central yesterday afternoon, a Chinese was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

A Chinese, who this morning admitted to Major C. Willson that he had returned to the Colony after he had been banished for ten years in 1924, was sentenced to eight months' hard labour and 20 strokes of the birch.

Lt-Col. H. W. McCall, C.M.G., D.S.O., commanding The Green Howards, and Mrs. H. W. McCall returned to Shanghai from Peking on the steamer "Dalren Maru" and are residing, as heretofore, at the China United Apartments.



Mrs. Bertha Ponton, who has been the personal stenographer to President Coolidge since he entered the White House. She is virtually the only person who knows everything about the correspondence of the chief executive. She is a native of Maine.

Staff-Captain and Mrs. Arthur Ludbrook of the Salvation Army, left Shanghai on the s.s. "Khiva" for Bombay last week. Staff-Captain Ludbrook prior to coming to Shanghai held important positions in Peking, and was latterly the manager of the Salvation Army trade and publishing in the capital. On coming to Shanghai in April he arranged for and then took charge of Salvation Army activities for Service men, at the Red Shield, 58 Carter Road. The Staff-Captain goes to India to be Financial Secretary for the Salvation Army Western Territory with Headquarters at Bombay. The many friends of Staff-Captain and Mrs. Ludbrook will wish them well as they leave Shanghai for their new sphere.

Six European children from Highland School, Sumatra, on their way to their homes in the F.M.S. for their Christmas holidays, arrived in Penang by the "Kuala," says the "Pinang Gazette." Here, observes our contemporary, we have an object lesson which teaches us the imperative need for hill schools for children in Penang and the F.M.S. As it is, parents have to go to the Dutch East Indies to keep the home together; when we are sick we have to go to the Dutch East Indies to recuperate our health; when the surgeon's aid is necessary we have to go to the Dutch East Indies to find him. It is a satire on British enterprise which might amuse a sardonic old Jew; but brings tears to the eyes of our guardian angel.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, Mr. W. Schofield imposed a fine of \$25 on a Chinese who are convicted on a charge of assaulting an Indian guard on board the s.s. "Linnar" on Tuesday night. An order was also made for the accused to pay \$5 as compensation to the guard, and sign a bond to be of good behaviour for 12 months. From evidence given by the prosecution, the accused boarded the "Linnar" from a sampan and was ordered off by the guard. Later the accused returned to the ship armed with a chopper with which he inflicted a wound across the Indian's hand. The defence was that the guard demanded \$1 from the accused before he would be allowed to sell coconuts on board the ship, and subsequently the guard threw the accused into the sea. The accused was released on bail.

Mr. W. R. Sinclair, C.A., has arrived in Ipoh to join the firm of Messrs. Brown, Phillips and Stewart.

The many friends of Dr. T. G. McMartin, who has been ill at Seattle, will be pleased to learn of his convalescence.

It is learned that Dr. (Miss) Minnehan, at present L.M.O., General Hospital, Kuala Lumpur, is to be transferred to Teluk Anson.

Mr. W. B. Hall, successor of Mr. Newey as Superintendent, P. and T. Department, Ipoh, has accompanied by Mrs. Hall, arrived in Ipoh.

Dr. L. W. Evans, M.O.S.S., has been seconded for service under the Government of Kelantan, with effect from August 15, 1927, inclusive, with claim to pension.

Miss A. M. Belton, nursing sister, Medical Dept., S.S., has been seconded for service under the Government of Kedah, with effect from May 28, 1927, inclusive, with claim to pension.

The marriage took place at St. Mary's Church, Kuala Lumpur, of Mr. C. S. Kinder, assistant Commissioner of Police, F.M.S., and Miss Ethel Cadman, of Yorkshire.

Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service medals have been awarded to: Capt. Tan Soo-bin, S.V.C., Pte. H. R. W. Lobb, S.V.C., Pte. Cheong Chin-heng, S.S.V.C., Pte. Lim Liang-que, S.V.C.

London, Dec. 21.—Mr. Lloyd George, accompanied by his wife, son, daughter and daughter-in-law left London to-day for Rio de Janeiro. The party are expected to return to London on January 25.

Che Tom, the wife of Zain Ariffin, and Acting Head Mistress of Kampong Bharu English Girls' School, Alor Star, will be relieved by Miss Waddell on her return from leave. Che Tom is the daughter of Dato Abdul Razak, J.P., M.S.C., I.S.O.

Mexico City, Dec. 21.—Using a Fairchild cabin monoplane, which he had never seen before, Lindbergh took President Calles and General Obregon on their first aeroplane trip. Both were very enthusiastic regarding the experience. Subsequently, the United States Ambassador to Mexico, Mr. Dwight Morrow, also ascended.

An Indian Sergeant and two Indian constables who were yesterday charged before Mr. W. Schofield with the theft of a goat belonging to an Indian warder of the Laichik Prison, were discharged by his Worship because there was not sufficient evidence to prove that the goat the accused were seen with was the one which had been stolen from the complainant.

The Bishop of Singapore announces that, acting on responsible advice, he is causing a Calling Book to be placed in the office at Bishops House with a directing sign-board. It is hoped that this arrangement which should be in operation in a few days' time will be a convenience to callers, as well as an assistance to the Bishop by supplying him with a record of addresses.

London, Dec. 21.—Early this morning a rapid thaw accompanied by sleet set in London and over Southern England. Rain at first turned to ice on the frozen ground and for a few hours roads and pavements were so slippery that early morning traffic was disorganised. Later, the thaw became more pronounced and traffic resumed normal. Snow is falling heavily in the Peak District and in some northern areas.

The news has been received by cable of the death in London on the 5th inst. of Mr. Frederick Butler Madden, who was one time manager of the Ipoh Marble Works. Mr. Madden went to England during the War and obtained a commission in the Labour Corps, was wounded in France, and invalided to England. In 1919 he was repatriated to Malaya but went shortly afterwards to Ceylon, whence he retired to live in England.

Resealing of Testament-Testament in respect of the will of Mr. William Inglis, late of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, who died at Cuper, Scotland, on January 28, 1927, has been granted to Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, attorney for Baring Bros. & Co., Ltd., No. 8, Bishopsgate, London, who are the executors and trustees. Hong Kong estate is valued at \$41,800, and there is also estate in Scotland valued at \$122, in England valued at \$30,550 and abroad valued at \$285.

Resealing of probate in respect of the will of Mrs. Elizabeth Baumann, widow, late of No. 21, Mount Ephraim Road, Streatham, Surrey, and formerly of "Antwerp House," No. 106, Oakfield Road, Croydon, Surrey, who died on December 22, 1926, has been granted to Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, the attorney of Mrs. A. J. F. Tilley, the sole executrix named in the will. Testator left \$45,200 in this Colony, and leaves all her estate to Mrs. Tilley, who is her daughter, and who resides at No. 21, Mount Ephraim Road, Croydon, Surrey.

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Indo-China (Pref)	\$80
do. (Def.)	\$48
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Benguet	2 1/4
Kailan Mining Ad.	60 1/4
Langat (Combined)	\$18 1/4
do. (Single)	\$9 1/4
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Shanghai Loans	\$7.05
Shanghai	\$3 1/4
Tromch Mining	\$17 1/8
Docks, Wharves, & Godowns, &c.	
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$126
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China Providents	\$15.0
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Shanghai Docks	\$90
Cotton Mills.	
Ewo Cottons	\$1.05
Oriental Cottons	\$7.25
S'ns Cottons (old)	\$46 1/4
do. (new)	\$72 1/4
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.	
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$71 b 720 s
Hongkong Hotels	\$80
Shanghai Lands	\$124
Humphreys Estates	\$13.25
Hongkong Hotels	\$7.25
H.K. Territorials	\$1.30
Prince's Buildings	\$1 1/2
Public Utilities.	
H.K. Tramways	\$21 1/4
Peak Tram (old)	\$14
do. (new)	\$7
Sun Faries	\$58
China Lights (comb.)	\$18.40
do. (old)	\$9.35
do. (new)	\$8.40
H.K. Electrics	\$6 1/2
Macao-Electrics	\$44
H.K. Telephones	\$3.90
Shanghai	\$1.25
Singapore Tractions	\$11/8
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China Sugars	\$70
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The papers and journals of the home countries find China good "copy" these days, and news of her incessant civil wars and political intrigues is kept well to the fore. While it is well for the world to know the truth about the appalling state of affairs in present-day China we must not let our friends at home lose sight of another and happier side of the picture—China's rich cultural background and the many points of intellectual contact between Chinese and westerners. Foreigners resident in China realise that life here is not made up entirely of the rise and fall of Generals, opium smuggling, strikes and Communist disturbances, banditry, and the like, and no better means for demonstrating this to people in the homelands could be found than the "China Journal," avowed aim of which is to interpret China, her customs, manners, art, literature, natural history, and the like, to the Western world. The December number, just off the press, is a happy example of the valuable work this publication is doing for China. Containing handsome colour plates and half tone illustrations in great number, it presents a wide range of subject matter of varying interest.

Particularly appropriate to this season of the year is the article by Mr. A. de C. Sowerby entitled "The Chinese Yuletide" in which he compares the Chinese New Year festival with our Christmas holiday customs and finds many interesting points of similarity. Tsao Chun, the Kitchen God of the Chinese, is likened to Father Christmas, who has evolved from the little devilish god in red coat and cap, who danced on the hearth of our ancestors, and rendered mischief or comfort according as it pleased him. For further information as to Chinese religious customs the reader may turn to the story of "The Oldest Idol in China" a fanciful tale inspired by a curious black Buddha made of coal, and to "Paper Gods for Sale," Clarence Burton Day, the author of the latter article has spent much time in the study of the religious practices of the Chinese people and his account of the paper gods and their significance is very interesting.

Dr. Wu Lien-teh, whose work as head of the Manchuria Plague Prevention Service is well known throughout China has contributed an article of great value as to "The Significance of Scarlet Fever in China" which should be given wide publicity. During recent years the problem of Scarlet fever, which is generally understood to be a disease of temperate climates, has become very serious in various parts of China. This is explained partly by the fact that the introduction of this disease into this country is comparatively recent so that a natural immunity is not yet evolved among the population, and also by the fact that owing to the widespread ignorance and superstition among the people infection generally spreads very rapidly in a community once it gets a start. After going into detail as to the causes and the effects of this dread disease Dr. Wu tells what modern science has done toward controlling it and tells of the encouraging results obtained from the Dick test whereby those persons liable to attack can be discovered and immunised by means of a toxin. The laboratory staff of the Manchurian Plague Prevention Bureau were the pioneers in the Orient to undertake this new line of research, besides which they are doing a work of great value in educating the general public as to the importance of strict isolation of scarlet fever patients and proper care of the patients to avoid serious complications which often follow this disease.

"MAIL" REVIEW.

"The Earlier Inhabitants of London," by Prof. F. G. Parsons, F.R.C.S., F.S.A. (Cecil Palmer, 10/6 net).

To anyone interested in the ethnology of the British Isles this ought to prove a fascinating volume. The author, who is Professor of Anatomy in the University of London and President of the Anthropological Section of the British Association for 1927, is well qualified for the difficult task, and as he has been studying the subject and systematically collecting and arranging for the past thirty years the reader is assured that the theories advanced have not been hastily arrived at. In spite of the author's profound scholarship the book is written in language understandable to the educated layman (with the exception of a few necessary pages on cephalic index, etc., the book is singularly free from technical phraseology). It is an attempt to collect as many facts possible about the earlier inhabitants of London—i.e. the London of pre-Norman days—and by piecing them together to construct a picture of the city and its denizens. The first chapter, dealing with palaeolithic and neolithic people, is more conjectural than the following ones owing to the complete lack of written records and the paucity of the discoveries. Then come the mysterious Beaker Folk, a tall round-headed people who until lately were known as the Bronze Age Race because in their later tombs bronze implements are so frequently found. With the arrival of the Celts (about 600 B.C. according to Professor Parsons) we are on surer ground. Here (pages 72, 73) the author mentions a very interesting "bleaching" theory to account for the fair hair, white skin, and blue eyes of the Baltic peoples. "Positive history of Britain begins with Caesar's invasion, 55 B.C. An interesting picture of the happenings and conditions round about the Thames during the next century when Cymbeline was king, is given. But as the book says: "The real history of London begins with the defeat of Boadicea. . . . Before this time our knowledge of London is more or less rational conjecture gained by piecing together in various combinations what we regard as facts."

During the Roman occupation London grew rapidly and soon became, as she has continued to be, the most cosmopolitan city in Britain. When Rome withdrew her protecting arm hosts of wild but virile "Nordics" came on the scene from Jutland and Frisia. These are the chief moulders of the modern Englishman and Lowland Scot, though Professor Parsons is inclined to believe that the Celtic element in the average Englishman is not so minute as many would have us think. A few centuries later, Norwegian Vikings and the Danes further "Nordicised" the blood of Britain. Here the book finishes. As Professor Parsons says: "We leave London as Harold knew it inhabited by people of whom probably seven eighths were of Nordic blood derived from Cymric Brythons, Gaulish legions of Rome, Anglo-Saxons, and Scandinavians. . . . The modern Londoner has, no doubt, received a great deal of both Alpine and Mediterranean blood since the Norman Conquest and the Alpine type especially seems to be increasing at the present time. The research, however, which I have been able to make among the hospital patients and medical students of London makes me sure that the modern Londoner is still more than three quarters Nordic in his characteristics, though I am conscious that a new type of head-form is gradually being evolved, a type for which neither Mendelism nor reversion will account!"

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THE TRUE AND THE SHAM IN
 SEX FICTION.

The modern novel is so frequently attacked as being "sexridden," and the modern novelist at almost regular recurring intervals accused of being guilty of deliberately stimulating the unhealthy mental appetites of "the Jazz generation," that it would appear to be time that the sex novel be not defended but defined.

What exactly is a sex novel? If by "sex novel" is meant a novel that takes for its theme the complexities of the relations of the sexes, and the dramas arising out of them, then such classics as "Adam Bede" and "The Cloister and the Hearth" are most emphatically sex-novels, and along with them such classics of the future as "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" and "Easter Waters."

Is the present-day novelist more outspoken than the author of "Tom Jones," "A Sentimental Journey," "Anna Karenina," "Madame Bovary"? Yet Fielding, Sterne, Tolstoy, Flaubert, are not charged with being obsessed by sex, and their books are neither respectable nor disreputable in our estimation—they are merely "classics"; the very people who are so bitter in their attacks on the present-day novelist place these books on their bookshelves as a matter of course. Therefore, I repeat, exactly what do they mean by a sex novel?

Modern Epics.
 All novels dealing with human life must in some part deal with sex. Even in stupendous epics of first and last things, such as Knut Hamsun's "Growth of the Soul," and that even greater work, La Isla Reyemont's saga, "The Peasants," you cannot escape the sex element. The relations of men and women, at once simple and profound—as are all elemental things—run through these masterly novels like the motif of a musical theme.

How could it be otherwise? Can we pretend that the relationship of man to woman and woman to man is not the motif of the eternal anthem of human life? Hamsun and Reyemont are modern novelists; are they condemned along with the rest? Are they pernicious because they cannot avoid the delineation of sex issues?

The novelists' difficulty, of course, whether he be of this or any other age, is that what he writes in all sincerity, because a candid dealing with some sex issue may be essential to the completeness of the book as a true study of human nature, the public is apt to accept in the same spirit as that in which it accepts a risqué story, and the book may sell not for its truth, the excellence of its writing, the fitness and courage of its theme, the worthiness of its conception and the high standard of its execution, but solely because of a reputation for "daringness" that the author never intended and does not desire.

Such a success is dead-end-fruit to any sincere artist; it is both humiliating and disheartening, and enough to make him turn into a professional beat-seller or abandon literature for poultry-farming. For the good of his immortal soul as an artist 'twere better he chose the latter course and saved his soul alive.

No, the really pernicious novel, the intolerable and unpardonable novel, is that which distorts the matter of sex, either unwittingly, through the sheer unintelligence of writers who have mistaken their vocation, in the form of the silly pseudo-romantic novel, with its false sets of ideals, or in the form of the deliberately and calculatedly sensational novels of unscrupulous fiction-mongers.

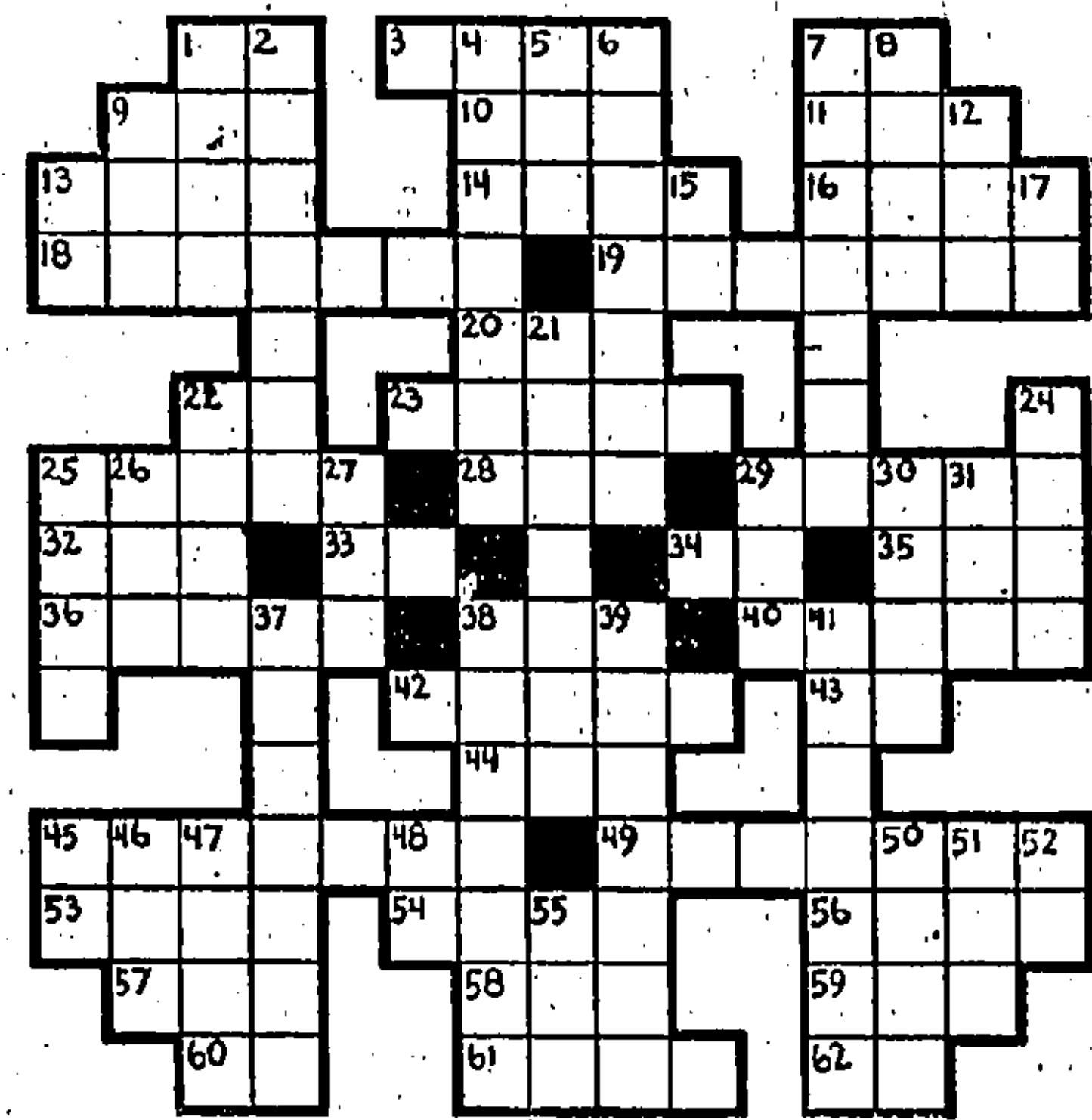
Between such novels and serious, sincere, masterly studies on sex themes such as Susan Glaspell's "Fidelity" or classic example—Flaubert's "Madame Bovary" there is all the difference between the suggestively undraped and the gloriously nude.

And yet Sensationalism.

If by "sex novel" the public means the novel of the purple passion school, then its denunciation of the sex novel is not only justified,

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL
1-Prefix. Away
3-To leave out
7-In this manner
9-Unit
10-An age
11-A diminutive suffix
13-Who was the Norse god of war?
14-Reverberated
16-Pastries
18-Of what country is Brussels the capital?
19-What seaport is in S. E. Rhode Island?
20-Hall (Latin)
22-Place (abbr.)
23-Wharves
25-Seedless
26-Thirsty
29-Dried stalks of grain
32-What is the German for "one"?
33-Upon
34-To have existence
35-A wing (Biol.)
36-Noar (poet.)
38-A distress signal
40-What city was the capital of Italy until 1865?
42-What are U. S. copper coins?
43-Topographical engineer (abbr.) | HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
44-Consumed
45-Gleaming
46-Springing
48-Peregrine falcon
54-A ridiculous blunder in speech
56-An object of worship
57-Cry of the sheep
58-A grassy field
59-A city in Ayreshire, Scotland
60-Of what province of Canada is Halifax the capital? (abbr.)
61-Erudition
62-North latitude (abbr.)
VERTICAL
1-The dye indigo
2-What are natives of Bengal called?
4-What is a fabled marine creature half woman and half fish called?
5-Man's name
6-What is a place where leather is prepared?
7-To provide for
8-A musical melody
9-A poem
12-Ever (poet.)
18-What is the other name of the river Obi, W. Siberia? | VERTICAL (Cont.)
15-Who was the Greek goddess of earth?
17-A thoroughfare (abbr.)
21-In what State are the Green Mountains?
22-A window-glass
24-A graceful bird with long neck
25-A crack
26-One of the metals
27-A June-bug
29-Determined
30-Not thoroughly cooked
31-Mohammedan proper name
37-What man was struck dead for lying?
38-A sea-bird
39-Pertaining to the stars
41-Ideal
42-What country formerly possessed Porto Rico? (abbr.)
46-Hebrew (abbr.)
47-What is Persia's official name?
48-"Note well" (Latin abbr.)
50-A short poem
51-And not
53-Gloria (abbr.)
55-What is the fifth sign of the zodiac? |
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(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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but should be encouraged. It is such novels, with their silly pseudo-romanticism, tawdry sensationalism, and false idealism, which are really immoral and pernicious; and it is such novels that make reviewers old and bitter before their time, and impede them in the duty they owe to the serious novelist who does not write of sex matters either because he himself is sex-ridden and cannot help it, or because—with an eye to royalties—he hopes to provide a subliminal with "cheap thrills," but because out of his artistic consciousness he knows that it is from

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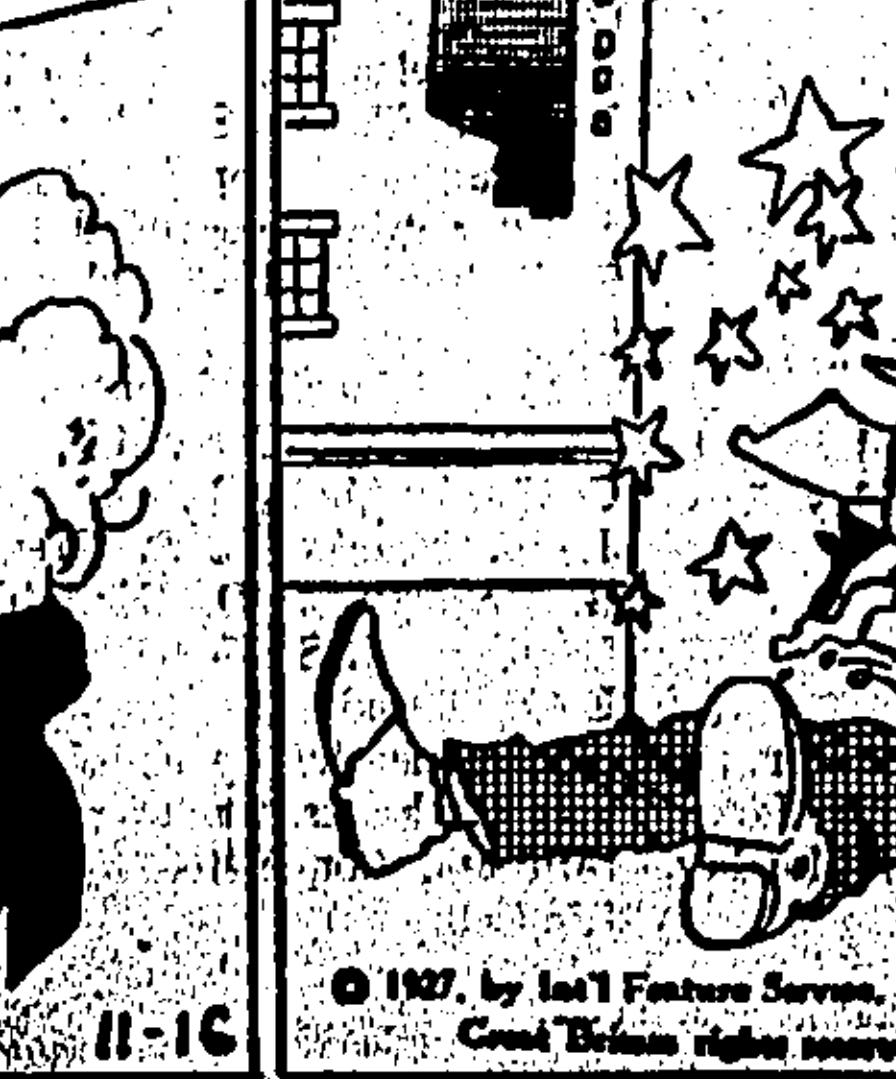
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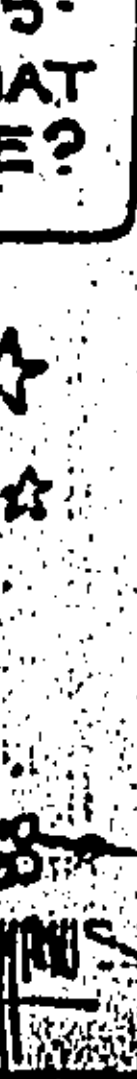
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The bride was attired in a dress of white charmeuse embroidered with satin beads and diamonds. Her court train was of the same material lined with silver lace, made by Madame Chiffon, and her bouquet was of roses with maiden hair ferns and silver ribbons as streamers.

Preceding the bridal pair were the two flower girls, sisters to the bride, dressed in pink, and following came the bridesmaids. They were the Misses Phoebe, Doris, Helen and Dorothy Kotewall. Two of them were dressed in green and silver and the other two were in white and gold. The bridesmaids' bouquets were of blush roses.

The Hon. Dr. Kotewall and his wife and other relatives and intimate friends followed.

Governor's Toast.

H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, with his two daughters and his A.D.C. arrived and after he had offered his congratulations, he proposed the toast of the bridal pair.

Sir Cecil said that he felt very pleased to have been asked to say a few words, but first he would say how sorry he was that Lady Clementi, owing to indisposition, was not present with him.

His Excellency said that he had known Dr. and Mrs. Kotewall for many years, and the bride from her infancy. The bridegroom, he said, was also known to him as well as the bridegroom's father. The bride was no stranger to the bridegroom, who had been Dr. Kotewall's secretary for some time and is now his manager. The bride was not marrying out of her family, and His Excellency quoted a Chinese proverb saying that a faithful daughter tends to strengthen the family tie.

Not a Flapper.

Sir Shou-son Chow said that it was a pleasure for him to propose a toast for the bride's parents. He had known them all his life, and rejoiced with them this day, made auspicious by the marriage of their eldest daughter.

The bride was not only beautiful in person, but also beautiful in intellect. She was a modest young lady, and did not belong to the type of present day "flappers."

With "flappers," the speaker said, he had no sympathy. The speaker concluded by saying that he hoped to see Dr. Kotewall and Mrs. Kotewall live to a ripe old age, and continue their good work both for the Chinese and the Colony.

Dr. Kotewall's Thanks.

Dr. Kotewall in his reply said that he was very much grieved to hear that Lady Clementi had been prevented by indisposition from attending the reception and that he fervently hoped that she would soon be restored to good health.

Continuing he said: "my wife and I thank you most heartily for the very cordial manner in which you have received the toast just proposed by my friend Sir Shou-son Chow with such happy wit. When one is, as I am, the father of nine children, one of whom is old enough to get married, one is bound to feel the weight of age, but after the cheery assurance of the perennially young man Sir Shou-son Chow, I am persuaded to believe that I am not so old after all, albeit a little thin at the top."

"Ladies and gentlemen, this is indeed a happy day for my wife and me. Your welcome presence has afforded us the greatest possible pleasure. His Excellency the Governor, by the great honour he has done us in proposing the health of the bride and bridegroom, has added yet another favour to the many which we have received at his and also at Lady Clementi's hands. We are equally grateful to His Excellency the General Officer Commanding and Mrs. Luard, the Commandant and Mrs. Pearson, His Honour the Chief Justice and so many other distinguished guests and good friends who have come to share with us our joy."

The Guests.

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Canton has not yet recovered from the blow, despite the fact that the city is again in the hands of the Government troops. Efforts are being made to secure the return of General Li Chai-sum, the business community being anxious to experience something like settled conditions before Chinese New Year. At present little commercial or industrial activity is apparent. Full reports of events in Canton appear in the "Overland."

Local news—social, commercial and sporting—receives comprehensive treatment in the "Overland," there being a particularly interesting crop of Criminal Sessions cases, together with an account of the hanging of the pirates who were concerned in the "Irene" outrage recently.

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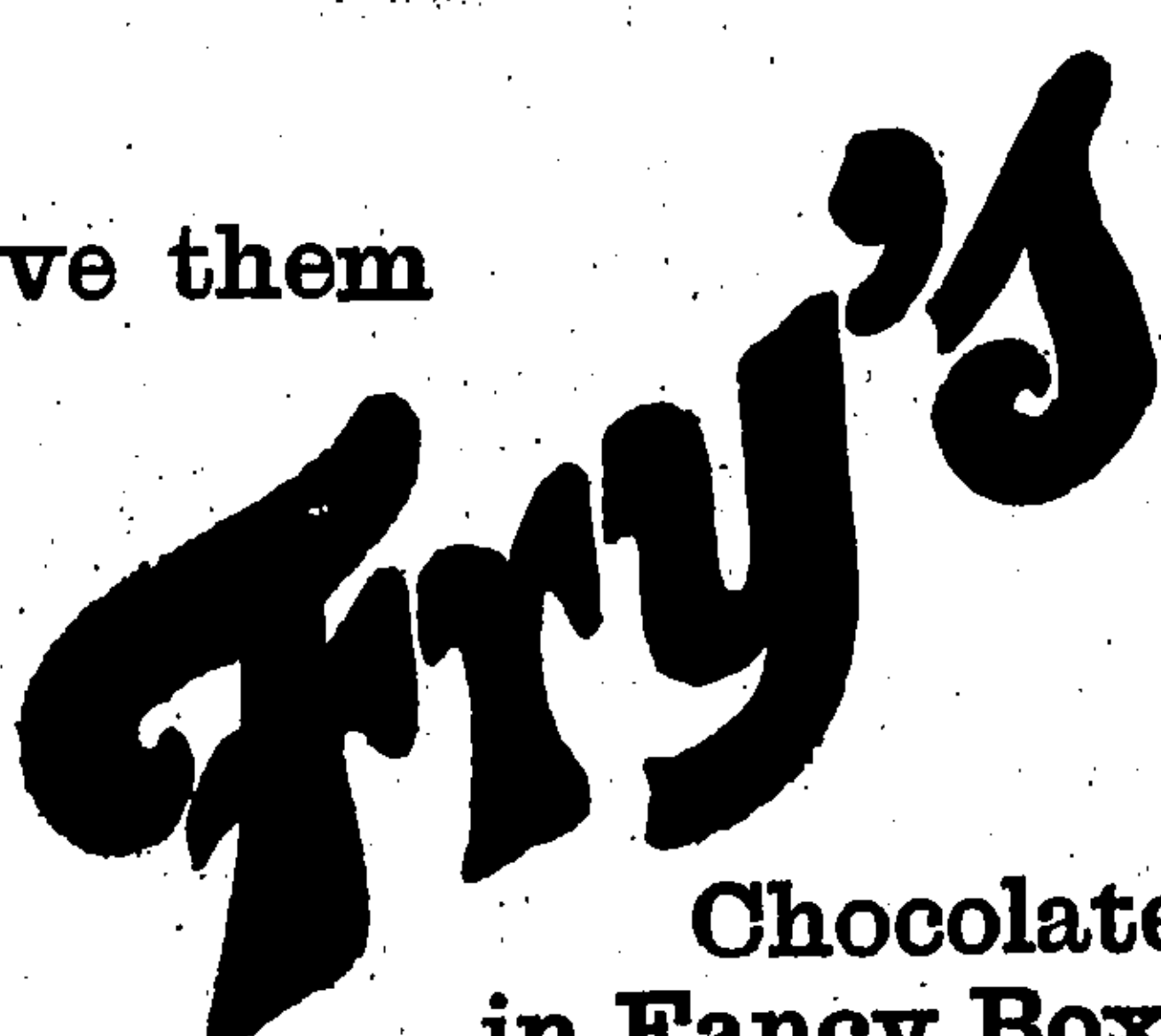
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2,000 CASUALTIES.

Street Accidents After Thaw.

LONDON'S WINTER.

Fractured Skulls And Broken Limbs.

London, Yesterday.
Fractured skulls, broken arms, legs, collar bones, and wrists, and dislocated fingers are among 1,600 casualties, due to falls on the icy streets after a sudden thaw, treated at 30 London hospitals. The Ambulance Brigades, doctors, and nurses were worked at top pressure, such an experience being unprecedented.

Similar conditions prevailed in the provinces. Hundreds of cars were marooned on marble-like roads, unable to make progress.

A later report says that the number of casualties in London owing to the icy streets is now reported to be 2,000.—Reuter.

Iced Rails.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The slippery condition of the roads and pavements in London this morning, caused by the rain turning to ice on the frozen ground, caused an extraordinary number of casualties.

The hospitals dealt with as many as 1,600 accidents, chiefly broken limbs, sprains, and bruises suffered by pedestrians.

In addition the electric train services were considerably delayed owing to the trains failing to act on the iced rails.

Transit was generally disorganised.—British Wireless Service.

ECONOMY "AXE."

CHANCELLOR'S BUDGET PROPOSAL.

NO ACTUAL SAVING.

Rugby, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons the Prime Minister stated that the proposal which was made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his last Budget statement that the Ministry of Transport, the Department of Mines, and the Department of Overseas Trade should be abolished could not be effected without legislation, except in the case of the Department of Overseas Trade. It would not be right to make demands on Parliamentary time out of all proportion to the actual saving likely to be effected.—British Wireless Service.

'PLANE OVERDUE.

FATE OF THE GEORGES GUYNEMER.

UNEASINESS IN ATHENS.

Athens, Yesterday.
Uneasiness is felt regarding the fate of the aeroplane Georges Gynemer which was due yesterday morning from Rome but did not arrive. Military aeroplanes are instituting a search when weather permits.—Reuter.

Saigon To Paris.
Paris, Yesterday.
The airman Challe and Rapin have completed the return flight from Saigon.—Reuter.

ABYSSINIAN AFFAIR.

INCIDENT RECALLED IN COMMONS.

Rugby, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons Sir A. Chamberlain was asked what was the conclusion arrived at by the Court of arbitration regarding the attack made by Abyssinian soldiers last June.

He replied that the Court had fixed damages at about £3,600, and this sum had duly been paid by the Abyssinian Government. The Court also recommended the removal of the Abyssinian officer chiefly responsible, and he had accordingly been dismissed from his post by the Abyssinian Government.—British Wireless Service.

ACTOR'S DEATH.

CHARLES COURTICE POUNDS PASSES.

London, Yesterday.
The death has occurred of the well-known actor and vocalist, Charles Courtice Pounds.
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Further indication of the great influence exercised in industry by the signatories of the letter of invitation, is that they represent, without duplications, at least, £1,000,000,000 of capital and hold seats on 169 public limited liability companies.

Support for the movement which they have initiated is, however, by no means confined to the signatories and is warmly supported by employers generally.

The letter of invitation to the conference, which was sent to Trade Union Congress last month by Sir Alfred Mond on behalf of the signatories, expressed the view that:—

"Prosperity of industry can, in our view, be fully attained only by full and frank recognition of the facts as they exist and equally full and frank determination to increase competitive power of British industries in world markets coupled with the free discussion of essentials upon which that can be based. This can be achieved most usefully by direct negotiation with the twin objects of restoration of industrial prosperity and corresponding improvement in the standard of living of the population. If this is agreed we would proceed, to enumerate topics which might serve as a basis for our discussions."

A small minority of Trade Unionists, led by the miners' secretary, Mr. Cook, favoured rejection, but the resolution was carried accepting the invitation and appointing a sub-committee to consider suitable subjects for discussion and make the necessary arrangements for the meeting.—Reuter.

SUBMARINE'S FATE.

LINE TORN AWAY BY GALES.

NO TRACE FOUND.

Province Town, Yesterday.
The submarine S.4 is lost. A line attached to the submarine was torn away by the fierce gales. Two divers who were lowered to-day failed to find the vessel.—Reuter's American Service.

Wreck Located.

Province Town, later.
The wreck of submarine S.4 has been found. An attempt will be made to drill a hole in the hull through which an air line will be inserted.—Reuter's American Service.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

MANY ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS.

10s. A WEEK.

London, Yesterday.
January 2 will increase the total number of persons benefiting under the Government's Widows, Orphans and Old-Age Contributory Pensions Act to £1,258,600. New pensions have been awarded to 450,000 insured persons between the ages of 65 and 70, who become entitled next month to draw for the first time an old-age pension of 10s. a week without reference to their income from other sources.—Reuter.

PURE ROBBERY.

Confiscation of British Goods.

ILLEGAL LEVIES.

Protest Made To Chang Tso-lin.

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons, Sir Grattan Doyle and Mr. W. Foot Mitchell enquired regarding the seizure and confiscation on December 2 at Lintsing of a cargo of British goods of the value of \$420,000 by Chang Tsung-chang, the Tupan of Shantung, notwithstanding an offer to pay irregular taxes.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that the action of the Shantung authorities appeared to be pure robbery. The Consul-General at Tsinanfu had protested locally. Sir Miles Lampson had also made the strongest verbal representations to the Foreign Minister in Peking, who telegraphed to Shantung and promised to take the matter up with the Premier and Chang Tso-lin's headquarters. He confessed he had no authority in Shantung.

Sir A. Chamberlain added that the British Government could not overlook the gross violation of the elementary rights of British merchants and counted on Chang Tso-lin, who claimed control of the province of Shantung, to take steps to secure the release of these goods.

Open Confiscation.

Rugby, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs was asked if he was aware of the disregard of reasonable security for trade shown by some of the Northern Chinese leaders, and especially by the military Governor of Shantung in whose territory open confiscation of valuable British merchandise had recently occurred.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that on December 15 the British Minister at Peking reported that the Shantung authorities were threatening the confiscation of a consignment of goods valued at \$400,000 or \$40,000 belonging to a British Company. These goods were being conveyed in boats on the Grand Canal from Tientsin to Southern Chihli. At Lintsing in Shantung, they were held up for the enforcement of various irregular taxes. The Company agreed to pay these taxes but, notwithstanding, orders were given for the confiscation of the goods. It was alleged that these orders emanated from Chang Tsung-chang, Military Governor of Shantung. In any case the action of the Shantung authorities appeared to be pure robbery. Sir Miles Lampson had made the strongest possible verbal representations to the Foreign Minister in Peking, who had promised to do his best and take up the matter with the Premier and Marshal Chang Tso-lin's headquarters. He confessed, however, that he himself had no authority in Shantung. The British Government could not overlook the gross violation of the elementary rights of British merchants, and counted on Marshal Chang Tso-lin, who claimed to control the province of Shantung, to take steps to secure the release of the goods.—British Wireless Service.

SHIPPING GROUSE.

AMERICANS AND BRITISH DOMINIONS.

RETALIATION URGED.

New York, Yesterday.
The Maritime Exchange recently memorialised President Coolidge alleging that Great Britain, Canada, and Australia were discriminating against American shipping and urging American retaliation. It instanced the fact that Canada required that cargoes for Canada must be forwarded via Canadian ports in order to obtain preferential duties, and also referred to an arrangement whereby cattle shipped from the United States via Canada might remain in Britain for fattening before slaughter, whereas cattle sent from the United States had to be slaughtered immediately they arrived. It was alleged that Australian preferences on merchandise from the Pacific ports of Canada cover goods imported from American Pacific ports.—Reuter's American Service.

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